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* EGYPT	7912	G. L. Langborne	22nd ,,
M.L. PERSIA	8000	W. A. Wheler	29th ,,
* PLASSY	7405	C. F. Preston	6th July
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THE SECRETARY,
Calcutta Port Commissioners,

and will be received up to the end of May.

Any further information that intending applicants may require will be obtained on reference to the Secretary.

By order,
R. A. DONNITHORNE,
Secretary.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid up Capital	$ 100,00,000
Sterling Reserve Fund	$ 100,00,000
Silver Reserve Fund	$ 30,00,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors	$ 100,00,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS AND HEAD OFFICE IN HONGKONG:

SIR THOMAS JACKSON, *Chief Manager.*

London Bankers.—LONDON AND COUNTY BANKING COMPANY, LD.

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WM. GAIR RATHBONE, Esq., (Director, Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.
SIR EWEN CAMERON, K.C.M.G.
JOHN WALTER } Managers.

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BOMBAY AGENCY.

CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.

Interest allowed at 1 per cent. per annum on Daily Balance if not under Rs. 1,000, and not exceeding Rs. 1,00,000; but no interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 5 half-yearly.

FIXED DEPOSITS.

Are received for 12 months at 4 per cent per annum and for shorter periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every Description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

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W. B. THOMSON,
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47, Church Gate Street, Bombay

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

CAPITAL	£800,000
RESERVE FUND	£575,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHAREHOLDERS	£800,000

HEAD OFFICE.

HATON COURT, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:

Bombay.	Singapore.	Manila
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The Corporation GRANT DRAFTS on the above Agencies and Branches; buy and receive for collection Bills of Exchange; issue Letters of Credits; and undertake general banking business.

FIXED DEPOSITS

are received for TWELVE MONTHS at FOUR PER CENT. per Annum. Rate for shorter periods may be ascertained on application.

F. BENNETT,
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Bombay Agency, Elphinstone Circle.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LD,

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ...£1,000,000
PAID-UP CAPITAL £500,000
RESERVE FUND £350,000

HEAD OFFICE:
47 THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E. C.

BRANCHES:

Calcutta,	Delhi,	Cawnpore,	Kandy,
Lahore,	Bombay,	Colombo,	Tuticorin.
Amritsar.	Madras,	Mandalay,	Zanzibar.
Kurrachee,	Rangoon,	Newera Elya,	Mombassa.
Steamer Point,	Aden.		

FIXED DEPOSITS.

The Bank receives DEPOSITS FIXED for one year and shorter periods, at Rates of interest to be ascertained on application.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS are opened for approved Customers, and interest is allowed at 2 per cent. per annum on daily balances from Rs. 1,000 up to Rs. 100,000, but no Interest is allowed when the sum accrued does not amount to Rs. 10 half-yearly.

BILLS OF EXCHANGE payable in the principal Cities of Europe, India, China, and Australia purchased or collected.

DRAFTS are granted on the Head Office and Branches of the Bank and on the principle Cities of Europe and Australia. Remittances may be made by telegram.

The Bank undertakes the purchase and sale of Government Securities, Stocks, and Shares, and receives same for safe custody realising Interest and Dividends when due.

LOANS and CASH CREDITS granted on approved Securities.

H. CHALMERS,
Manager.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LD.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL... Yens	28,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL..... ,,	18,000,000
RESERVE FUND..... ,,	8,310,000

HEAD OFFICE:—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

Tokio, Kobe, Nagasaki, London, Lyons, New York, San Francisco, Hawaii, Shanghai, Hongkong, and Tientsin, Newchang.

BANKERS—The LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK. The UNION BANK of LONDON, AND THE PARR'S BANK, LIMITED. BOMBAY BRANCH.

LIBERAL INTEREST allowed on CURRENT ACCOUNT and FIXED DEPOSITS, on Terms to be learnt on application.

CREDITS granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange Business transacted.

DRAFTS granted on JAPAN, and the Chief Commercial places in the World.

Y. MATSUO,
Manager.

Albert Buildings, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, MAY 18.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols .....£94 1-4 = unchanged
3 per cent. Rentes .....£101 1-2 = do.
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan .....£108 = do.
3 1-2 per cent Govt. Securities.....£93 5-16 = do.
Bar Silver in London.....27 5-8 = plus 1-8
,, New York .....60 = plus 1-8
Exchange on London at Paris...25·16 = — 1-2
Do New York .....4·83 = unchanged
Discount Bank of England.....4 per cent = do.
Do Short London Bills...3 7-8 do = do.
Do Indian Bank Bills...3 7-8 do = do.
Silver to Bombay £170,000.

Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet. Manchester was quiet but steady. Total sales 4,000 bales. Sold on speculation and for Export 400 bales. Surats quiet. Imports 21,000 bales. Spot 4 10-32—1-32. Arrivals closed quiet.

In New York—

Receipts at the Port	5,000 bales.	
Do. last year	5,800	,,
Exports to Great Britain	2,000	,,
Do. Continent	9,000	,,
Mid.-Uplands	8 1-16	unchanged.
Futures, month of Aug.	7·24 =	— 3
Do. Do. Dec.	7·00 =	— 1

Receipts of Produce arrived into Bombay, during 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. on Friday 17th May :—

Cotton	7,016 bales.
Wheat	4,946 cwts.
Linseed	18,660 ,,
Rapeseed	33,010 ,,
Gingellyseed	2,145 ,,
Poppyseed	10,105 ,,
Groundnuts	nil.
Castorseed	4,618 cwts.
Rice	2,120 ,,
Myrabollams	2,214 ,,

COTTON.

Total visible supply	2,840,000	bales.
,, of which East Indian	193,000	,,
,, Stock in London	9,000	,,
,, quantity in sight	9,430,000	,,

Seeds—unchanged.

EXCHANGE.

The market is very uninteresting with current quotations available for the next three months, and Bank Telegraphic Transfers offered at 1s. 3 15-16d. from September forward to the end of the year, We quote :—

Bank Telegraphic Transfers, 1s. 3 29-32d.
,, Demand ..... 1s. 3 15-16d.
3 months' sight Credits ..... 1s. 4 5-32d.
,, Francs 169 3-4
30 days' sight Hongkong 146
,, Shanghai 198 1-2
,, Japan 147 1-2

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

The market opened at Rs. 95-2 for ready and forward and closes weak at Rs. 95-1 on the report of sales by the big operator.

SHARES.

Bank of Bombay shares have changed hands at Rs. 1,260, Indian Press at Rs. 152 1-2 and Petits have improved to Rs. 1,680. The general tone is quiet.

MONEY.

The Bank of Bombay cash balance is 47 lakhs up and the tone of the market is easy. The rate for short deposits to the local banks is 5 1-2 to 5 per cent. for one month and about 4 1-2 per cent for two months.

THE BANK OF BOMBAY.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay for the week ended the 18th May, as compared with the statement of the 11th May:—

LIABILITIES	May 11. Rs.	May 18. Rs.
Capital	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	70,00,000	70,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office	50,35,402	50,09,828
Public Deposits at Branches	70,46,701	73,37,587
Other Deposits	4,38,9 2,488	4,76,41,753
Post Bills	11,737	22,293
Creditsaundrawn	14,18,800	12,91,599
Rs...	7,42,05,128	7,83,02,998
ASSETS.		
Government Securities	78,77,361	83,52,486
Other authorised Securities	5,23,607	4,47,464
Credits, on Govt. and other authorised Securities	79,22,045	77,81,856
Loans do. do. do.	1,35,76,231	1,92,35,778
Bills Discounted and purchased	2,33,74,970	2,28,17,267
Dead Stock	3,73,794	3,73,794
Stamps and Stationery	27,513	27,473
Balances with other Banks	5,21,013	5,47,587
Cash	1,42,03,587	1,89,16,374
Rs.	7,42,05,123	7,83,02,998

FREIGHTS.

The market is dull. Business was done at 13s. 9d. about 500 tons for Hull, June shipment, and later on at 13s. 3d. about 1,000 tons per steamer Morocco for Hull. Some May Dunkirk was done at 14s. 6d. and Antwerp at 15s. cotton per steamer Radnorshire.

COALS.

It is reported that a line of Singareni coal has been sold at Rs. 13-12 for delivery throughout next year.

COTTON.

The market is quiet but there is a slightly better demand both from Japan and the local mills, which demand is met by the dealers without any increase in prices. The Bhownugger sutta is strong, as much as Rs. 180, having been paid for ready delivery orders. There is no advance in the Westerns sutta.

SEEDS AND WHEAT.

LINSEED.—A big business was reported at Rs. 9-14 but on buyers withdrawing the rate has declined to Rs. 9-13.

RAPESEED.—The market is quiet with prices slightly easier.

	Rs.
Brown Cawnpore	6-6
Yellow Cawnpore	7-4 to 7-5
Yellow Guzerat	7-12

POPPYSEED.—Easier at Rs. 8-6 to Rs. 8-7.

CASTORSEED.—Quiet at Rs. 33 1-4 to Rs. 33 1-2.

WHEAT.—Market unchanged at Rs. 4-12 for white Delhi.

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

The following is a Liverpool correspondent's market review dated 2nd inst.

"Last week, we as well as almost every body else were full of hope that the prevailing stagnation was about to give way to greater activity, but to our disappointment, the steadier tendency was not maintained. Prices are 6 points lower than a week ago and the market has apparently relapsed into the rest. Can what there is at present no factor strong enough to extricate it. Such is the dreary monotony of the markets and the dearth of any new features makes it a difficult task to discover any item of interest to put before our friends. The lack of enterprise is no doubt due to the fact that it is generally believed that supplies will be sufficient to last until the new crop comes in. According to the cables from our correspondent he has nearly everywhere encountered fairly large stocks of cotton in the interior. For instance, at Pine Bluff he found that the stocks were 16,000 bales against 1,600 last year. If similar conditions should exist in many places, there would be but little fear of a squeeze. Under the circumstances, the present level of prices with the neutral complexion the market now wears, would be about right i e neither too high nor too low. It does tend to keep all out side speculation out of the market, for the fluctuations just now wide enough to attract the professional scalper.

The speculative cotton markets in America are also neglected in consequence of the intense interest centred in the Stock markets which are frantic. This may soon collapse, and the time not be distant, when cotton may become the object of the Yankee Speculator's attention again. Who knows? The Manchester market can only be described as very quiet, and the business doing does not amount to much; but yet spinners and manufacturers have still sufficient orders in hand. Spinners are very firm in their demand and although they raise their quotations with every advance of the raw material, they are very slow to follow downward moves, I have occasionally some China demand, but on the whole, business with that outlet shows improvement while business with Bombay is much heavier than a year ago. Madras has also proved a good market, and as mentioned the other day, the home trade is decidedly looking up after a long spell of inactivity. We hear that many spinners are complaining that they have great difficulty in getting good class cotton. Their own stock at mills are as a rule light, and the selection in our market is becoming restricted. We have already pointed out that the stock of good spinner's cotton is likely to be very small indeed towards the end of the season, and with the quality of the early arrivals an unknown quantity, this is a serious matter, and tends; additional likelihood to our remarks of the other day, that some trading houses may at the end of August and September take up dockets and hold the cotton. This would, no doubt, accentuate premium in amounts already ruling over October and October-November. During the early part of the week under review, the weather conditions in the cotton belt were very unfavourable, Replanting has become necessary in many sections and the crop is generally backward. During the last day or two, however, we the reports shew a marked improvement, and at this early stage of the season, any damage done may be good." Double options.

July-August	22 points.
August-September	24 ,,

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 24m. Sun sets 6h. 29m. High water 0-53m., 1-51 a. Low water 6-46m., 7-50a.
City Improvement Trust, 4 p. m.

POLO.—There will be a game at 4-45 p. m., to-day, (Tuesday).

SELLING TODDY WITHOUT A LICENCE.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr. A. W. Lester fined Rama Babaji and Surkia Pandu Rs. 10 each for selling toddy in Gandevi Street on the 18th instant without a licence from the Collector of Customs.

A BOATING ACCIDENT.—On Friday night last, a fishing boat in charge of a tindal named Gundia Patel was made fast to a fishing stake off Karanja Island. A steamer, name unknown, coming into the harbour ran into the boat, and caused the latter to sink immediately. The crew of the boat were precipitated into the sea, but were picked up by a passing boat.

MUSIC AT APOLLO BUNDER.—The Band will play the following programme from 7 to 9 p.m. to-morrow at Green's Restaurant :—

March	Washington Post		J. P. Souza.
Overture	L'Emotion		Bousquier.
Valse	L'Etoile Polaire		Waldtenfel.
Selection	The Messenger Boy		Ch. Godfrey.
March	Freshgewatt		Franz.
Mazurka	Sweet Maiden		Meinecke.
Selection	Il Travatore		Verdi.
Galop	Fire and Flame		Otta Stella.

THEFT BY AN EX POLICEMAN.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court, Bhawoo Gopal, an ex policeman, was charged before Mr. Kursondas Chubildas with theft of a watch, of the value of Rs. 21, the property of Macoond Ramjee, a tramway starter. On Sunday night, the complainant went out of his tramway box at the Horse Bunder station to examine a tramway carriage number. Returning within two minutes to the box, he missed his watch. He saw the accused running away, got suspicious, chased him and caught him about forty paces off from the box. His Worship convicted accused and sentenced him to two months' rigorous imprisonment.

CLIMBED UP THE WALL TO TAKE REVENGE.—One Khema Absji, aged 30 years, residing at Dhobi Ghat, Mahalaxmi, attempted on Friday last, whilst under the influence of drink, to get into the room of one Bhow Rowji, situated on the second floor of a chawl by climbing up the wall. When about 15 feet from the ground he missed his hold and fell, receiving injuries on his head and body. He was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where he died on Sunday. The Coroner, Mr. F. Byrne, held an inquest on his body, when the jury returned a verdict that death was due to the deceased falling from the second storey of a chawl. It transpired that deceased's object in climbing the wall was to assault one Bhaw Rowji against whom the deceased had a grudge.

THEFT OF A WATCH.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Mr. Kursondas Chubildas disposed of a case in which Mahadoo Ganpat was charged with theft as a servant of a metal watch and a cotton sheet, the property of his master, Govardhandas Ramjidas, a commission agent. Accused was employed as a domestic servant about eight weeks ago. He remained in the house for two days, and then disappeared. Complainant missed a metal watch and a cotton sheet. A policeman stated that, on receiving certain information, he went to Worli and recovered the complainant's property from one Pandoo Ganu. The accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four months' rigorous imprisonment.—The same accused admitted having stolen a gold ring, set with "pokraja," the property of one Govindjee Premjee, and was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment, the sentences to be consecutive.

NOTES FROM MATHERAN.—This charming hill station was taken by storm last week in the most literal sense by an onslaught of the forces of nature, which on this occasion assumed the unusual and unexpected form of a shower of hail lasting for nearly an hour. Some of the hailstones were as large as pigeon's eggs, and the ground looked like a crystal carpet till they melted. Fortunately for the competitors in a highly exciting tennis tournament, the storm did not appear on any of the match days or on the bright finals' day, when the Gymkhana looked its very best with the popular Superintendent and Mrs. Blackburn Smith "at home." A table was laid out covered with handsome prizes for the successful ones, who in the Mixed Doubles were Mr. H. Lane and Mrs. Birdwood; in the Ladies' Doubles Miss Steele and Miss Dolly Kirwan; in the Ladies' Singles Mrs. Birdwood, and in the Gentlemen's singles Capt. H. A. Lane. Following close upon the tournament a very successful Smoking Concert was given by the visitors at the Rugby Hotel to the other residents on the Hill, in catering for which, it must be said, that the proprietor and the Manager of the Hotel surpassed themselves in the able manner in which they organized everything and provided supper. On the 18th instant quite a brilliant afternoon picnic was given in the "Glade" by Major and Mrs. Jennings. Many coloured flags studded about, and hanging from the trees, gave a most imposing appearance, especially before the sun sank below the limited horizon of the glade. A "bumblepuppy" Gymkhana formed part of the programme for the evening, in which the "Cigarette" race was won by Mr. Binning for Mrs. H. A. Lane; the "Thread Needle" race by Mrs. P. Lane, the "Egg and Spoon" race by Miss Steele; the "Girl" race by Miss Nancy Prevost, the "Saturday to Monday" race by Mr. C. Pratt for Mrs. H. A. Lane, and the "Whistling" race by Col. Birdwood for Mrs Goode. The guests all departed in good time to have a short rest, and adorn themselves for a ball at the Rugby Hotel, organized by Major Collis Barry, which proved as successful as everything that Major Barry takes in hand always does. The Rugby Hotel looked like fairyland with its brilliant illuminations of Chinese lanterns, and decorations of bright flags and hangings, and the floor was a thing to dream of,—"Deccan Herald."

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT.

THE Superioress of St. Joseph's Convent, Bandra, gratefully acknowledges the following donations for the new buildings. The estimated cost of the buildings is Rs. 25,000 towards which further contributions will be thankfully received.

Previously acknowledged	Rs. 6,676
A well wisher	225
Colond Dimmock	30
Mr A M Lewis	30
Mrs Lauder	25
Mr J F Rodrigues	25
A grateful pupil	25
Mrs Ferreira	25
A friend	20
Mr Pereira	20
Dr J F Gonsalves	20
Mrs S C Leao	10
A friend	10
Mrs R D'Souza	10
Mr Leyons	10
Mrs Amore	10
Mrs Malcolm	10
M O	10
Mr F D'Souza	10
Mount Villa, J F D'Silva, A B C, M Baker, Mr Daniel, D Canaban, M W, An Armenian friend, and Mrs Roger do Rozario, each Rs. 5	45
Smaller donations	17
Total Rs.	7,268

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle & Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	1	0	3
B Mandvi, Chuckla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	1	6	28
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Kumbarwada	9	4	23
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpaty, Walkeshwar and Mahaluxmee	2	5	8
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	8	35
F Parel, Sewri and Sion	3	0	2
G Mahim and Wor	0	1	11
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	13
Total	16	24	123
Total plague deaths to date	95,724	79,954	
Same date last year	39	33	215

BANDORA.

There were 3 attacks and 3 deaths recorded from plague within the limits of the Bandora Municipality on Saturday.

BEAUTY AND HYGIENE.

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BOMBAY CORPORATION.

AN adjourned meeting of the Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Hall, Mr. D. E. Wacha presiding.

THE QUESTION OF SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

CONFLICT ABOUT MACERATING TANKS.

The Corporation resumed consideration of the proposition by Sir Bhalchandra who at the last meeting had moved that permission be given to construct water closets at the Framji Petit Sanitarium at Gowalia Tank Road and to treat the discharge therefrom as well as the rest of the drainage matter in a Crimp Macerating Tank and Bacteria Filter, the effluent to be discharged on to the foreshore at Warden Road below high tide level.

Dr. Jehangir Cursetji, in continuing the discussion, spoke in favour of macerating thanks. He recommended those who would not like to be convinced by expert opinion as to this matter, to see such tanks for themselves. In such tanks the effluent was completely odourless and colourless, but he was not prepared to say whether it was quite tasteless too (laughter).

Mr. Jehangir Bomanji Petit said that he visited the Leper Asylum at Matunga on Saturday last. The arrangements made there for removing dirty matter from the latrines and gutters was a most satisfactory one, and if permission in the present case was granted, it would not interfere with the sanitation of Bombay. Mr. Jamshedji Nusserwanji Tata had already got such an arrangement, as that proposed in his Bandora houses. Mr. Tata had made these arrangements for the last two years, and very good results were produced.

Mr. Jaffar Rahimtulla moved as an amendment that the Commissioner be informed that the Corporation are of opinion that they have no power under section 245A to sanction the proposal contained in his letter, dated the 20th April last.

Dr. K. E. Dadachanji rose to a point of order pointing out that the proposition was valid under the wording of the section.

The President ruled the amendment out of order.

Dr. Dinshaw Master pointed out the necessity of ascertaining from the Commissioner whether sufficient water would be obtained for the purpose of flushing the tank.

Dr. N. H. Sukhia observed that care had to be taken that sand and ash used for cleansing utensils did not get into the tanks as in that case they would not be successful.

Mr. Lund pointed out that the difficulty would be obviated by settling tanks.

Major Mayne said that of course Mr. James would provide the settling tanks and so forth. In regard to the water fifty gallons were totally unnecessary. In cold countries like England twenty gallons were used and the warmth in this country was peculiarly favourable to the work of the bacteria affecting the changes in these tanks. There was a little mistake as to the effluent being drinking water. Of course it was not drinking water when it came out; there were certain additions made to drinking water and there was always an additional amount of solid matter left. The effluent was harmless, but it was just possible that certain parthogenic or disease germs passed through and it was advisable not to let the effluent run into open channels along the street as people might take it to be drinking water. It could, however, be allowed to go free into open waters.

Mr. C. N. Wadia moved as a further amendment that the Commissioner be requested to inquire whether the Government would allow the contents of the water closets from the Petit Sanitarium to discharge on the foreshore at Warden Road, below high tide level.

Mr. Kazi Kabirudin seconded the amendment.

Mr. Fazalbhoy Vishram thought that Bombay had been two much victimised by experiments, and they should now pause before adopting new schemes in connection with sewage. He would support the amendment of Mr. Wadia.

The Commissioner said that in his opinion the matter was not one in which the Corporation need have any great fear of any serious result either to health or water. It was an isolated instance of a single institution which proposed to dispose of its sewage in a method which has been tried in similar places in Bombay and, as they knew, had been tried at Matunga. The sewage in this place must be disposed of in some way and in this matter he had taken the advice of Mr. James who was a practical engineer and had himself carried out the experiment at Matunga. He was willing to carry out this experiment and he practically guaranteed that there would be no nuisance. Supposing there was a nuisance the clauses in regard to nuisances would operate and he should call upon the gentleman to put the system in thoroughly. The nuisance, however, likely to arise from cesspool or a pail system with night soil carts would be very much greater than by the proposed method.

Mr. Rahimtulla Sayani said that he was glad to hear that Mr. James was to supervise this matter. Mr. James had also supervised the arrangements at the Matunga Asylum which were identical with those now proposed to be adopted at the Petit Sanitarium. The experiments at the Matunga asylum was a successful one, and Mr. James would also see that the proposed arrangements would also prove successful. He proposed a rider to Sir Bhalchandra's proposition to the effect that this sanction was given without prejudice to the rights of the Municipality to stop the discharge in the event of the improvement proved a nuisance.

Mr. Ismail Jan Mahomed said that the Corporation would have to consider shortly the drainage question of Malabar Hill. It was estimated that it would cost nine lacs of rupees according to the present system of drainage. But it was pointed out that if the new system were adopted there would be a saving of two lacs of rupees. It was advisable that the Corporation should give the necessary sanction asked for by the Commissioner in the present case so that they would have the advantage of knowing the result of the new system without spending anything out of their pockets.

Sir Bhalchandara Krishna in replying on the debate wished that Mr. Shroff and Mr. Hormusjee had visited the Matunga Asylum and seen and tested the effluent from the tanks (laughter). He visited the asylum and examined the tanks and filters and he produced a sample of the effluent which was perfectly clear, pure and without smell. He thought it advisable to bring this sample to present to the Corporation and especially to those members who were sceptical about it. It was advisable to sanction this scheme at once.

The amendment was lost and Sir Bhalchandra's proposition with the addition of Mr. Sayani's rider was adopted.

THE DRAINAGE OF THE CITY.

The Commissioner in his report on the drains in different wards stated there are 150 drains in the sewered districts in which sewage is allowed to enter. Steps are being taken to rapidly push on the house connection works in order to sever the connections from the old drains and join them to the newly laid pipe sewers. In the undrained districts the sewage has to be disposed of in some way and the suliage from nahanis and baths is let into the side drains whether open or covered and cesspools provided for privy suliage. The Drainage Engineer reports that vents shafts are not provided on most of these drains and for this reason there is to some extent harmful to public health, and adds that complaints are sometimes received of the bad smell from these drains which is owing to the watergullies acting as surface ventilators when they are untrapped partly by the evaporation of water in the gullies and partly through the leakage of the gullies The Executive Health Officer reports as follows:—"I am of opinion that the existing system of storm-water surface drainage in the City is a standing menace to the health of Bombay. These storm-water or surface drains are defectively laid and consequently blocked, the cost of opening them and removing the silt and sewage matter is enormous. A the present the majority of these drains are elongated cesspools, emanations from which pervade the neighbourhood. I have already pointed out that the existence of these drains in their present condition constitutes a serious dan ger to the health of the City. I have the honour to add that the use of the old storm water drains for sewage can only be discontinued when house connections to new sewers are completed, and I have asked the Executive Health Officer to report whether these drains have in his opinion any defects as storm-water drains which would render them injurious to health.

Dr. Ismail Jan Mahomed proposed that the letter be recorded and that in the light of this report the Corporation are of opinion that early steps should be taken to divert the sewage and suliage in the different parts of the City from storm water drains to proper sewers. He said it showed a very sad state of affairs in the drainage of the City and in no city which had any pretensions to sanitation should such a state of affairs exist. The statement of the Health Officer should induce the Commissioner to look into the way in which contract work was carried out. He hoped the Commissioner would take early steps to have house connections proceeded with at once so that no more storm water drains would be left carring suliage and acting as open drains.

Dr. Jehangir J. Cursetjee in seconding the motion said the streets reeked with the smell of rank suliage. It was proved that the Drainage Department was guilty of neglect. It was a scandal and a shame that public money had been wasted to the extent of lakhs and lakhs on schemes, carried out on expert advice, which it was afterwards admitted were useless.

Mr. K. M. Shroff said that the capacity of the storm water drains at the Napean Sea Road was inadequate.

The proposition was adopted.

IMPROVEMENT EXPENSES TO BE RECOVERED WITH INTEREST.

The Corporation considered the following letter from the Commissioner :—I have the honour to state that after serving a notice under Sections 257 and 260 of the Municipal Act, the work of removing, cleaning and disinfecting the cast iron sanitary fittings, dipping them in Dr. Angus Smith's solution and replacing them (new ones being provided in substitution for those damaged) at premises No. 490, Memon Wada Street, Nagpada, belonging to Bai Dilabai, wife of Hari Balaji More, was executed in April 1897, at a cost of Rs. 80-8-5. As the party failed to pay the amount of the cost a decree was obtained against her from the Small Causes Court. It has since been ascertained that the property has changed hands and it is not possible to execute the decree. Under the circumstances I request the sanction of the Corporation to declare the expenses incurred as improvement expenses under Section 494 of the Municipal Act, and to recover them with interest at 6 per cent. by four equal monthly instalments.

Mr. R. M. Sayani moved that the necessary sanction asked for by the Commissioner be given.

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna seconded the proposition.

Messrs. A. F. Unwalla and Hormasji Shapurji Vakil, spoke against the proposition.

Mr. Rahimtulla Sayani, in replying on the debate, said that as a similar matter had been discussed lately, it did not appear to him that there was any necessity to discuss the matter at length. It was the statute duty laid on the Municipality to recover these moneys. It was the duty of the members to sanction the recovery of this money.

The proposition was agreed to.

A similar resolution was moved by Mr. R. M. Sayani, with reference to the cost of removing, cleaning and disinfecting the cast-iron sanitary fittings at No. 49—51, Peer Khan Lane.

D. Ismail Jan Mahomed seconded the motion.

After some discussion the motion was carried.

The Corporation then adjourned.

PRESENTATION AT MORARJEE GOCULDAS MILLS.

At the Morarjee Gocouldas Mills, Parel, the engineering staff presented to Mr. James Thompson, the retiring engineer, a valedictory address on the eve of his departure to England. A mandap was erected for the occasion in the mill compound and there were present Messrs. Dhurumsey Morarjee Gocouldas, Narotum Morarjee Gocouldas, Veerchund Deepchund, C. I. E., Hurkissondas Narotumdas, D. E. Wacha, Atmaram Balkrishna, Jamasjee Maneckjee Merwanjee, Dr. F. N. Bisai, Messrs. T. Mellor, T. Baptist, Balabai Jaichund, Bholabhai Chaganbhai, Bhima Ramjee, Ruteelal Popatlal and others. At the request of Mr. Hurkisondas Narotumdas, seconded by Mr. Dharamsey Morarjee Gocouldas, Mr. Veerchund Deepchund, C. I. E., was called to the chair.

Mr. Peter Baptist, read the following address:—"We, the undersigned members on the staff of the Engineering Department of the Morarji Gocouldas Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited, beg respectfully to approach you on the eve of your retirement from service with an expression of our high esteem and heartfelt gratitude towards you. Nearly two years ago when you went home to recruit your health, we had a similar opportunity, but now that you are leaving us for good, it is all the more appropriate that we as your subordinates should once again give expression to the sense of esteem in which we have held you not only for the high professional abilities which you have displayed in the discharge of your duties but also for the kind and considerate manner in which you have always treated us.

Latterly the mill industry of Bombay has been passing through very bad times, but the prominent place which our Masters, Messrs. Morarji Gocouldas & Co., hold in mill management, and their undying zeal, energy and keen foresight, with the efficient supervision of the mill manager, Mr. L. Baptist, aided no doubt by your own skill and tact as Chief Engineer for a succession of years, have all conspired to sustain the good name of the mill. The high efficiency the Engineering Department of the Morarji Gocouldas mill has attained is in a great measure due to your masterly skill and watchful interest in our work. Your professional reputation is too well known to need any special mention here, but we may be permitted to say that there are not many in your profession who have equalled you. Since you joined this mill, you have from time to time effected many useful improvements; but the last though not the least of them, viz., the entire alteration and conversion of the mill-engines, just completed, will, we trust, prove not only advantageous to the mill, but also serve as a permanent monument of your engineering skill and abilities.

As our superior you have always helped us in our difficulties, guided us in our work, and assisted us with your valuable advice. Such attainments as we have acquired we owe to your teaching and guidance, and the respective positions we at present hold are also due to your exertions on our behalf. Now as you leave us after upwards of 15 years (1885-1901) sojourn in our midst, we respectfully request you to accept the accompanying present as a humble token of the esteem and regard in which we have held you and as an acknowledgment of all that we have learnt under you, as also of the kindness we have at all times received at your hands. This will also, we hope, serve to remind you in your retirement of your friends and subordinates in this country. We feel sincerly sorry at your forthcoming departure from these shores, for we shall miss in you not only a kind and able superior, but a friend whom by long association we had learnt to respect as a true and trusted guide. Our regret on the present occasion is only surpassed by our sense of gratitude. We now beg leave to bid you farewell and in doing so pray to God Almighty to give you and Mrs. Thompson and family, a long and happy life blessed with all the pleasures of a sweet and happy home in your land of birth.

Mr. Veerchund made a happy speech in presenting the address, which was enclosed in a carved sandle wood casket. He also presented him pair with a diamond ring on behalf of the engineering staff, also another valuable diamond ring from the Agents, Messrs. Morarjee Gocouldas and Co. and a valuable diamond ring from Mr. Dhurumsey Morarjee Gocouldas for Mrs. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson on thanking the agents and the mill staff said it gave him great pleasure to know that his services were appreciated, and that he was also glad that the agents had appointed as his successor Mr. Jamsetjee Cursetjee Irani, who had been his chief assistant for many years.

The proceedings terminated after the distribution of pan supari, flowers and light refreshments.

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THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, MAY 20.

Sunday: Barometer has fallen briskly to rapidly in North West India, slightly to briskly in Central Provinces and has risen slightly to briskly in North East India. The usual hot weather low pressure area has formed over the western desert and South Punjab. The low pressure area in North East India yesterday has partly filled up. Gradients are unusually steep over the Peninsula and Guzarat. Thunderstorms have occurred in Assam, East and Lower Bengal, and thunderstorms in Malabar and Madras Deccan. Calcutta has received three inches of rain. Narayanganj, Trivandram and Raichur one and a half, Barisal, Jessore and Cochin one inch and Silchar, and Sibsagar quarter of an inch. Temperature is in slight to large defect in the Punjab and adjacent districts, North Western Provinces, Lower Bengal, Assam and Deccan; in excess in North Bengal, Sind and Burma. No important change has occurred during the past 24 hours. Depression in North-West India is of no importance at present and the skies are clear in North-West and Central India. Local showers will probably continue in Bengal, Assam and South peninsula. The weekly telegrams from South east trades regions show that winds continue above normal strength at Zanzibar and Seychelles and are fairly normal in direction. Heavy rain has fallen at both stations during the week, five inches being registered at Zanzibar and three and a half at Seychelles. The average rain fall for the whole of May is nine inches at Zanzibar and four and a half at Seychelles.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON MONDAY, THE 20TH OF MAY.

SUMMARY.

The pressure changes of the past 24 hours have been small and irregular. Readings are lowest in the north and highest in Mysore and Ceylon and along the Coast from Bombay southwards as far as Cochin. Gradients are steep.

Winds are southerly or south-easterly in the Punjab and at Agra, Allahabad, Deesa and Coimbatore, and south-westerly or north-westerly elsewhere. The force has been strong at Belgaum, Sholapur, Malegaon, Khandwa, Neemuch, Rajkot, Bhuj, Deesa, Ajmere and Karachi, and moderate to light in all other places.

The variations of both the day and night temperatures are slight to moderate in most places. The highest temperature in the shade was 119° at Jacobabad and the lowest 67° at Belgaum.

Humidity changes are irregular and the skies are more or less cloudy in Ceylon, on the Malabar Coast and at the southerly stations in the Madras Presidency.

About half an inch of rain has fallen at Calicut and Trichinopoly, about a quarter of an inch at Coimbatore and a few drops at Cochin.

The baric gradients over the reported area are becoming steeper and with this winds are likely to increase in force in Sind, Gujarat, Central India, Rajputana, Berar and at the inland stations in the Bombay Presidency. At Colombo the sea is slight and wind continues to blow from west-south-west and is moderate in force. Local showers accompanied by thunder and lightning are to be expected on the Malabar Coast, in Ceylon and at the most southerly stations in the Madras Presidency.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

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Bombay, 19th May, 1901.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah ..... inches	29·776
Temperature of the Air ..... degrees	86·0
Wet Bulb Thermometer	77·9
Dew Point	74·3
Relative humidity of Air	0·695
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=10) ..	1·0
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day ..... degrees	90·4
Minimum do. (read at 8 a.m.)	81·2
General Directions of wind*	W, WSW, W.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours* ..... miles	178

*From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

A MODERN POMPEII.

AMONG the features of the May issue of "The Universal Magazine" is an article by Mr. Harry de Windt, describing a visit to the modern Pompeii, Bussana Vecchia, a large mountain village about seven miles from San Remo. This place was destroyed by the great earthquake of 1887. It was in the church where most lives were lost. Describing the scene, Mr. de Windt says:—"As the Father ascended the pulpit a violent gust of wind shook the building startling the congregation, for just before the air had been perfectly still. A minute later, a hurricane was raging with such fury that the priest was inaudible, but he continued preaching, although some of the people rose from their seats. These were leaving the building in dismay when the ground rocked beneath their feet, and two or three were dashed to the ground—to die there. The rest of the fugitives rushed into the palzza, only to be crushed by falling houses. Those who were saved say that at first the earth rose and fell like the waves of the sea, swaying large buildings about like ships at anchor in a gale. Then came three violent shocks at intervals of about fifteen seconds. Immediately following the first arose a deafening sound of falling walls, and the screams of those inside the church, for most of those at home were killed in their sleep. The Father at once saw the peril, and shouted from the altar, 'Save yourselves!' But it was too late, for the words were scarcely uttered when the cries were stifled by a dull roar that drowned all other sounds. The roof had collapsed, burying over sixty-seven victims. The Father was saved. It was still dark, and from the Sacristy, where he had taken refuge, he could see nothing. At length he managed to strike a match and grope his way to the altar rails, where, raising his eyes, he beheld the stars. 'Until then,' he tells us, 'I thought that this was surely the end of the world.'"

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BIRTHS.

FRASER—May 9, at Glen Ronald, Mussoorie, the wife of Captain H A Denholm Fraser, R E, of a daughter.

WELSH—April 28, at Naini Tal, the wife of F Welsh, R & K Railway, of a son.

DEATH.

LAURIE—May 7, at Sahibganj, E I R, Peter Graeme, only son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Laurie, aged 5 weeks.

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TO DEAL WITH THE IRISH OBSTRUCTIONISTS.

MR. REGINALD LUCAS, Conservative Member for Portsmouth, makes a neat little suggestion in the "National Review" as to the treatment of Irish members who systematically obstruct the business of the House. It is generally recognised that the ebullition of a month ago was but a preliminary sample of the tactics to be followed with a view to forcing the hand of Government in the matter of the Irish Land Question. Mr. John Dillon at Stockton-On-Tees the other night, said he was proud of his countrymen who had created the recent disturbance. They had found, as the Boers had found, that to get any good out of John Bull it was necessary simply to keep him moving about on the gridiron—and that was what they intended to do. This is the spirit in which they have entered upon the Session. From the prompt action of Mr. Balfour it was apparent that Government does not mean to submit to unconstitutional methods, and the temper of the House showed itself strongly in favour of Mr. Balfour's vigorous methods. But Mr. Lucas contends that the punishment of physical obstruction by suspension for the remainder of the Session is manifestly inadequate. If the entire Party could be trusted to repeat their antics with each recurring King's speech, all would be well. A body of police, or a fatigue party from the nearest Volunteer Corps would be in attendance, an admiring House would witness a grotesque spectacle and peace would reign during the remainder of the session. But scenes of the kind are inconsistent with the dignity of the House and Mr. Lucas, after discounting the beneficial effect of the present mode of dealing with obstruction, advocates the infliction of fines. "Let us be cynical enough to imagine," he writes "as an underlying incentive to the course of action we are considering, a business-like desire to stimulate the flow of subscriptions from friends at home and abroad; let us be large-minded enough to contemplate a liberal reward of so much spirit and ingenuity. It follows that there is money in the Bank and gladness in the hearts of the Irish leaders. Have we not found here a vulnerable spot: is it not through their treasurer that we can touch them?" The idea is not without its recommendations. Mr. Lucas suggests a fine of £300, to £500 per member, a heavy enough sum in all conscience if it had to come out of one man's pocket. But the obstructionists are men to whom Party Funds pay a salary for their services in the House in order to keep out men who would serve them for the honour of the thing and the Party Funds are practically inexhaustible. Those who preside over and administer them invariably plead poverty. But directly any fresh outcry of injustice to Ireland is raised subscriptions come flooding in from "patriots" in all parts of the world and the fines could be paid without much delay and without much effort. Mr. Lucas loses sight of this fact and urges that if Party Funds will not support the fines, and no opulent friend will find the necessary sum, it should be compulsorily recovered from the offending member's constituency. But that would never do, for the constituents who strove to keep the member out of Parliament would have to pay equally with his most prominent supporters. No, if the suggestion o fines be adopted, let the member be kept in durance, more or less vile, until the amount is paid. If the sum be not paid within a reasonable time, set the offender at liberty, but minus the qualification to be again returned to Parliament for a round period of years. Disfranchise the man, not the constituency. To disfranchise a constituency which persisted in sending unruly members to St. Stephen's would be as unjust as to fine it. Mr. Lucas argues against the imprisonment of offenders as it gives them the martyr's crown in the eyes of their countrymen and the Irish Member, who has been imprisoned for turbulence in the House of Commons will be regarded as a resolute patriot, ready to go to all lengths in his country's cause, and Parliament a brutal and alien body, putting down legitimate aspirations with the mailed fist of tyranny. The obstructive M. P. would return to his constituents a sort of hero, after having a very pleasant stay in the clock tower at the national expense. The case of Crowle who was committed to Newgate in the days of George II is quoted as an instance of the pleasant rest and relaxation afforded by imprisonment for disobeying the orders of the House. Crowle was given pen, ink and paper and being disturbed with cramp was afforded the solace of servant, sister, apothecary, physician and nurse. He protested he would not come out of Newgate and that it was "mean and paltry in that puppy, his brother, or any of his friends to petition for his enlargement." The period of his incarceration was the best time he had had in his life and would be so for many of his refractory successors. Clearly a fine is a happy thought.

THE ALL INDIA VICTORIA MEMORIAL.

A SUM of thirty-four lakhs of rupees has already been promised for the Queen Victoria All India Memorial Fund. The Executive Committee of the Fund in their preliminary report of the progress made with the scheme estimate that the building, equipment and endowment of the Hall of Fame in Calcutta will cost nothing short of fifty lakhs. At least that is how we interpret the statement that "a sum of 50 lakhs will not be too small" for the purpose. Unless the Committee put the matter in that fashion to indicate their regard for economy, they must have intended to say that a sum of fifty lakhs will not be too large for the proposed Valhalla, its furnishing and maintenance. The Committee appeal for the remaining sixteen lakhs which are necessary to bring the Fund up to the requisite amount; and there is little doubt that the money will be forthcoming. They are not unnaturally disposed to congratulate themselves on the success which has attended the project so far, but they come to a conclusion on the subject that is scarcely warranted. They observe that the various other objects which were pressed in different quarters at the institution of the Fund have all enjoyed their chances elsewhere, and the fact that in no case have they elicited the enthusiasm or support that was expected, leads to confirm the correctness of the decision that refrained from selecting them as the object of a National Memorial. The project of a Memorial Hall at Calcutta, crammed with objects of more or less interest, has succeeded because it emanated from the brain of the Viceroy. If Lord Curzon had devoted his energy and eloquence to furthering any of the "various other objects, which were pressed in different quarters" there is little doubt that the results would have been as successful as in the case of this scheme of little utility. The idea of the Memorial Hall has gratified the vanity of the Native Chiefs, but it cannot be said to have appealed to the mass even of wealthy natives. In Bengal and Calcutta where, if anywhere, the scheme should have been received with the greatest favour the resident native community have not responded to the extent that was anticipated. The subscriptions promised up to date from Bengal and Calcutta amount to Rs. 8,80,000 and of that sum Rs. 8,29,000 have been contributed by Chiefs, Rajas and titled persons, the Jute Mills, Coal Companies and other European firms, the Calcutta Trades' Association and members of the European commercial, official, legal and private communities. Rs. 5,36,000 were subscribed by the chiefs and titled persons in Bengal alone and Rs. 2,93,200 by the other contributories mentioned. On the other hand the Marwaris and the native firms have between them subscribed only Rs. 14,500, and other native gentlemen, not falling within the category of titled persons, have given no more than Rs. 24,000. That, too, despite systematic collection and a house to house canvass in many parts. Looking at the subscriptions from the rest of India the bulk again comes from the Native Chiefs who altogether have promised Rs, 18,52,000. Moreover, there are to be added to this sum, two lakhs given by donors who by gifts of one lakh have qualified as vice patrons; and six lakhs from other, Maharajas, Rajas, Nawabs and titled persons. Altogether a sum of more than twenty-six and a half lakhs, out of the total of thirty-four lakhs subscribed up to the present, has been subscribed by the Chiefs and titled persons. Many of the native potentates were, of course, anxious to subscribe more than the lakh of rupees which Lord Curzon suggested as the maximum donation. But while the success of the scheme is thus assured by large gifts it cannot be called a "popular" project. How different from the vision conjured up by the eloquence and imagination of the Viceroy were the popular ideas of suitable memorials of the late Queen is shown by the variety of useful and beneficent schemes which have been proposed in different parts of India. These take such admirable forms as hospitals and other agencies for medical relief, amine relief, technical institutes, poor houses, public parks and so on with, of course, a sprinkling of portraits, statues and busts of her late Majesty. Most of them will be of benefit to the localities which have put them forward and in that they have one great point of difference from the monumental pile which will be erected in Calcutta. Some of these Local Funds have been more successful than others and that of the North-West Provinces and Oudh has so far produced the greatest amount of all. It is anticipated that a fund of seven lakhs will be raised there. Although in the Bombay Presidency the local fund has not been worked as well as it might have been we have collected more than Madras. The figures given in the statement of the Calcutta Executive place the amount subscribed in this Presidency up to the date of the report at Rs. 80,000 for the local memorial and Rs. 21,000 towards the All India Fund. Madras has raised Rs. 60,000 of which Rs. 20,000 have been allocated to Calcutta. The Central Provinces have collected Rs. 60,000 for the Provincial Memorial and Rs. 30,000 for the Viceregal scheme. Baluchistan has a fund now amounting to Rs. 52,000 of which ten per cent. goes to the National Memorial, five per cent. to Lady Curzon's Fund to endow Victoria Scholarships for the training of medical women, and the remainder is to be set aside for the building of a Jirga Hall and for local institutions. The proportions of local funds transmitted to Calcutta vary from five per cent. to twenty per cent., a fact which indicates the varying degrees of interest taken in the National Memorial.

THE BELLEVILLE BOILER.

THE controversy which has raged over the merits of the Belleville boiler, which has been extensively tried in the British Navy, has resulted in its condemnation. The Admiralty Boiler Commission has reported unfavourably on its efficiency in time of need, and now experiments are to be made with other types of boilers. The question has excited much attention in France, as the Belleville is of French origin, and the reasons assigned for the Commission's decision by the Paris press are amusing for their absurdity. These organs seriously state that the reason the Belleville boiler has failed in the English navy, is because it has been tried by an imperfectly trained personnel, in consequence of which we have not been able to appreciate the qualities of the boiler. In reality the fault of the Belleville boiler is that it is not English. Such an argument is perfectly absurd, as the manning of English battle ships is far superior to that of any other nation in the world. Our experience has shown that under certain conditions the Belleville boiler is very serviceable, but who can guarantee those conditions at the moment they may be required for actual service. The Admiralty are looking out for a boiler which will do good work on all occasions, whatever be the prevailing conditions, and experiments are to be made with the Durr, the Yarrow large-tube boiler, and the Babcock-Wilcox types. These, the French writers more or less decry, but in weighing their comments on the decision of the Boiler Committee we must remember the Frenchman naturally looks with a very kindly eye upon his own type—the Belleville.

THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.

AT a meeting of the Governing Body of the Imperial Institute, held the day before the mail left, the welcome announcement was made that the Institute had been relieved of a heavy debt and of taxation which absorbed nearly the whole of its income from funded property, and has now a considerable balance to its credit. It was stated in the report for 1899 that there was good reason to hope for a substantial increase of the liberal financial aid given, during the preceding four years, by the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, towards defraying the cost of the Scientific and Technical Department of the Institute. The Council now reports that this hope had been realised, sufficient funds having become available last year to enable them to secure the entire services of the Director of the Department, Professor Wyndham R. Dunstan, and to incur increased expenditure in connection with the staff working under him, and with the resources provided for the conduct of the important research work carried on in the laboratories of the Institute.

DE WET ON THE TREK.

THE ubiquitous De Wet appears once more on the scene and, according to the latest report, is announced to be trekking rapidly south with a small band of followers with Cape Colony as the objective. What his intentions are it would be hard to guess, but of this much we may be assured that his day for working us much further mischief is gone. Since the time of his junction with Louis Botha his power over his compatriots has gradually declined and the star which has been his guide throughout all the momentous incidents of the earlier stage of the war may now be said to have set. His future movements can have little or no importance in the work that our generals have in hand and it is as likely as not that his small following will have dwindled down to half a dozen or so before long.

THE HEALTH OF PESHAWAR.

THE recent controversy regarding the health of Ahmednagar turns our attention to the present state of Peshawar. There has been a good deal of fever recently at that station, both among Natives and Europeans, and that curse of all military stations in India, enteric, from which the garrison had been singularly immune during the last cold weather, has again made its appearance. The Wiltshire Regiment lost a sergeant from it the other day, and one of their officers, Mr. Kimberley, is now lying dangerously ill in hospital from the same cause. Sudden drops and rises of temperature, varying between 30 to 40 degrees seem to work as much havoc as dangerous bacilli or malaria laden mosquitoes.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Arabia, with the outward mails of the 10th instant, left Aden, at 10 p.m., on Sunday, and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 10 a.m. on Friday next.

THE Small Causes Court at Simla is invested with insolvency jurisdiction, subject to a right of appeal to the Chief Court of the Punjab.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL MAIR, I. M. S., Inspector-General of Jails, Bengal, proceeds on six months' leave in July, when Mr. W. Leonard will act for him.

OFFICIAL intelligence has now been received that General Sir Hector Macdonald is returning to India to complete his tenure of the Command of a 2nd Class District.

THE Royal Indian Marine Steamer "Hardinge" is bringing out from England three field officers, one captain, and 50 subalterns. The steamer will not start on the return voyage until June 1st.

ONE of the signs of prosperity in the New Chenab colony is the growth of gambling and the opening of common gaming houses. The provisions of the Gambling Act have accordingly been applied by order of the Lieutenant-Governor to the town of Lyallpur.

THE railway booking of pilgrims from plague-infected districts to Benares was prohibited from the 13th to the 18th instant. The prohibition was issued to prevent any great gathering on the occasion of the solar eclipse, which occurred on Saturday the 18th instant.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the week ending 6th April, amounts to Rs. 10,972, a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 6,388, the total earnings from 1st January to 6th April, shows Rs 1,74,309, a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 38,797.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway for the week ending 6th April, amounts to Rs. 3,230, a decrease on the corresponding week of last year of Rs. 3,127; the total earnings from 1st January to 6th April, shows Rs. 55,247, a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 25,949.

THE Dufferin Fund Association has recently suffered a severe loss by the death of Miss Ol Adams, M. D., Lady Doctor at Jodhpore. Miss Adams had done some excellent work in the State, and her labours during the late famine gained her decoration of the silver Kaisir-i-Hind medal in May last. Miss Adams was a sister of the late Colonel Adams, formerly Principal Medical Officer in Rajputana.

THE following figures of tea exports taken from the Calcutta Customs daily entries are issued by the Indian Tea Association:—Quantity of tea entered for export to the United Kingdom for the first half of May, 1901, 466,704 lbs.; quantity entered during the corresponding period of last year, 692,064 lbs.; total from 1st April, 1900, to 15th May, 1901, 662,259 lbs.; total from 1st April, 1899, to 15th May, 1900, 1,124,057 lbs.

IN consequence of the outbreak of plague in Sialkot city, the Maharaja of Kashmir has directed the authorities to institute plague inspection posts in his territory. Persons coming from Sialkot and going to Jammu will have to obtain a passport from the medical officer on duty at Tawi station and will will have to attend the Civil Hospital at Jammu for ten days. The arrangements for inspection at Twai are in the hands of Doctor Jobala Sahai, private physician to the Maharaja, and everything so far is working satisfactorily.

OPENING OF THE GLASGOW EXHIBITION.

SOME WONDERFUL SIGHTS.

GLASGOW, says its own inhabitants, is not half as enthusiastic over the opening of its Exhibition, the first international show of the new century, as it was at the inauguration of its Exhibition in 1888 by the Prince and Princess of Wales. The unavoidable absence of the King and Queen, who as Prince and Princess had promised to preside over the ceremony, is the obvious reason. Even on the route from St. Enoch's Railway Station, where her Royal Highness Princess Louise and her husband, the Duke arrived before half-past eleven, to the Exhibition there were many places of business which disregarded the official suggestion of closure during the five or six hours of ceremonial. But the immense crowds, the innumerable flags, the mural decorations, floral and otherwise, of the intervening streets, presented in the blue, bright sunshine of the May morning a singularly brilliant and stirring spectacle. For rush and roar of life Buchannan-street, Argyll-street, the Trongate-Renfield-street, and the rest are every day no whit less overpowering than Cornhill, Cheapside, the Bank, and the Mansion House quarters during their hours of intensest hurry. To-day, (May 2) free from the hurry of traffic, they performed the part of Glasgow at home, scores of thousands of citizens filling the side paths, and without the slighest fuss or worry kept in order by their own police force—their own police, let it be be repeated for the benefit of the citizens of Greater London.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife reached the Concert Hall soon after midday. From a lofty dais erected in front of the great organ they looked down on thirty-five hundred people gathered from all parts of the British Isles, from the Colonies, and the Continent. The address presented to Princess Louise by Lord Blythswood made reference to Queen Victoria's personal interest in the Exhibition, to the prominence of the Colonial and Irish exhibits, and to the origin and purpose of the Art Galleries and their relation to the municipal spirit of Glasgow. Then the Duke, in a short speech, wholly commonplace in style and substance, and on behalf of her Royal Highness, acknowledged the address. After a few more formalities he rose again, and in a few words "in the name of the King," declared the Exhibition open, and expressed "his Majesty's best wishes for its success." The procession then resumed its progress, and in a few minutes the Princess with a golden key opened the door of the new Art Gallery, after which followed a drive through the Exhibition grounds, past the Canadian and Russian pavilions, to the City Hall, the Parliament House of the municipality of Glasgow.

So much for the ceremonial part of the business. The repeated prediction in several English and Scottish newspapers that the Exhibition would demonstrate British defeat and American and German victory in the mechanical section is proved to be the wildest nonsense. America, Germany, and other countries might or might not have been able to contribute exhibits which, in quantity and quality, would have proved to the world that the days of British supremacy were over. I know not whether or not they could have done so, writes a correspondent; I only kow they have not done it in the Glasgow International Exhibition, and that in the opinion of competent judges, including many foreigners with whom I have conversed, the Machinery Hall, the most important section of the Exhibition, is a splendid testimony to the mechanical genius of British engineers, and the strength and finish of their workmanship.

The multitudes of people who visited the machinery room soon after the inaugural ceremony appeared to be astonished at the great variety and ingenuity of labour-saving appliances. One of the most suggestive of all the mechanical exhibits is the mechanism for automatic stoking of boilers and furnaces. A slowly-moving appliance both carries off the dross and throws in fresh fuel; the swearing human stoker has been dispensed with! The automatic machine has taken his place.

The Grand Avenue adjoining the Machinery Hall with the Industrial Hall contains a vast and splendid collection of models of steamers and sailing ships, and other classes of exhibits in marine engineering and shipbuilding. The models are arranged with a view to illustrate the progress of shipbuilding during the last century. Here you may see a model of the Comet, the first European steam vessel ever employed in regular trading, and the first that proved successful. Here also is the model of a kind of ocean ship that is yet to be, and that is destined to revolutionise navigation. This is the model of a turbine steamer that is to be propelled with an indicated force of about 20,000 horse-power. She is to be a high-speed steamer.

The Queensland Pavilion is one of the most beautifully designed and variously equipped sections in the exhibition. One of the curiosities in the Queensland Pavilion is a mercury fountain which has cost some £800 and is meant to show that the Colony is rich in quicksilver. Her richness in gold is symbolized by a large obelisk representing in weight and bulk the fourteen and a half million ounces of gold, worth forty-eight and a half millions sterling that has been dug out of Queensland since 1858 to the end of the last year of the nineteenth century.

Gold, gold, gold, gold, gold, the name splatters sprawls all over the Rhodesian Pavilion with its printed names of places that recall memories of carnage and blood, and its Zulu shield and assegai, ornaments suggestive of extinction or slavery for the native races. Gold also bulks largely in the pavilion of Western Australia from which colony twenty-two and a half millions' worth has been extracted since 1884, when mining operations first began.

Western Australia, like her sister colonies, possesses resources more valuable than gold, and she makes a really striking display in forestry, fisheries, agriculture, architectural industries, horticulture, and the culture of the vine. Visitors to this large and beautiful industrial hall should not overlook the women's section, which has partly been organized by various associations for the promotion of home industries and for the education of afflicted children in various handicrafts. Among these organizations are the London and Bushey Weaving Schools. From the London school many institutions of the kind have sprung up; schools for the deaf and dumb and for the blind have been established; girl students from board schools have become teachers in weaving and tapestry to women in the Hebrides and the congested districts of Western Scotland. Examples of domestic work, including home-spun and home-dyed wools from the Orkneys and the Western Isles, are shown in the section of "Island Industry," as it is called. Some of the best and most intricate patterns for rugs, carpets, and other articles shown here are the work of the blind.

But of all the displays mentioned, none excited so much interest and admiration as those of the new art gallery and museum, the vast and noble building which, as stated in an earlier message, is the property of the municipality; that is to say, of the people of Glasgow, built by them with the profits of the exhibition of thirteen years ago. The inauguration of the Gallery marks an era in the history of popular education, not only in this great city, but in the United Kingdom. The art gallery and museum, with its priceless treasures of the last hundred years, the most distinctive achievements in painting, sculpture, and art work generally, is built in the style of the seventeenth century classical renaissance. Round its two chief courts, which are set apart for sculpture, are arranged twelve galleries and eight pavilions, those on the first floor being assigned to painting. All the galleries and pavilions communicate with each other. The loan collections now exhibited in them have never been surpassed in the British Isles. Judging from the scene it presented the other afternoon the Municipal Palace of Art will be pretty well thronged for the next six months. Its educational section will repay examination. In the seventh alcove is an exhibit from the London School Board illustrating the whole range of work from the kindergarten to the higher grade school. The London technical exhibit has been arranged by Mr. Millis, of the Borough Polytechnic Institute.

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

A MEMORIAL CATHEDRAL AT CAPETOWN.

LONDON, MAY 19.

H. M. the King is patron of the fund to erect in the eastern part of Capetown a Cathedral as a memorial to those fallen in the war.

£30,000 is required for the purpose.

Lord Roberts and the Archbishop of Canterbury are Vice Patrons.

A large and influential committee of officers and noblemen has been formed and an appeal will be issued to the public.

THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

DE WET'S MOVEMENTS.

According to the latest news De Wet was trekking rapidly south past Boshof with forty followers.

It is believed he is again making for Cape Colony.

The British on the 17th instant occupied Carolina for the fifth time.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

LONDON, MAY 20.

The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall arrived at Brisbane at nine o'clock this morning.

AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

The bulk of the American troops leave China this week.

A "Times'" despatch from Peking states that the British refuse to co-operate in the new German expedition.

England and America are alone opposed to the proposal for a loan to China guaranteed by the Powers.

Sir. E. Satow states that Great Britain favours a reduction of the indemnity.

THE SPANISH ELECTION.

The elections in Spain show a large Liberal majority.

Many were killed and injured in the late disturbances, chiefly at Barcelona.

OBITUARY.

The death is announced of Sir Courtenay Boyle.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, MAY 20.

The P. & O. Company's steamer Arabia with the English Mails of the 10th instant, left here for Bombay at 10 p.m., yesterday, and the steamer India for Colombo and Australia at the same time and date.

MUSKETRY TRAINING FOR NATIVE RESERVISTS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 20.

Modifications are sanctioned in the course of musketry training for Native Army Reservists. The regulations are to include long range firing up to 2,000 yards for Lee Metford and to afford more latitude than at present for Commanding Officers in arranging the training.

ELECTRICITY IN BRITISH BARRACKS.

An electrical expert is being brought out from home in connection with the introduction of electricity for punkah pulling and lighting in barracks and hospitals for British troops in India.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PORTSAID, MAY 18.

The B. I. S. N. Co's steamer Manora left here this afternoon.

LONDON, MAY 18.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Buchanan arrived here this morning.

LIVERPOOL, MAY 18.

The Anchor Line steamer Hispania left here for Bombay yesterday evening.

The Messageries Maritimes Company's s. s. Oceanien which left Bombay on Thursday the 9th instant, arrived at Suez on Sunday the 19th instant at 7 a.m.

The Austrian Lloyds. s. s. Maria Valerie, from Trieste, left Karachi for Bombay on the evening of the 19th instant and may be expected here on the afternoon of the 21st.

The same Company's s. s. Melpomene, from Bombay, arrived at Hongkong on the afternoon of the 17th instant.

The same Company's s. s. Gisela, from Japan, sailed from Hongkong for Rangoon on the morning of the 19th instant.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MAY 18.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet.

Surats quiet.

Good Broach 3 13-32.

The Manchester market has been quiet but steady.

2 3-4 per cent. Consols	94 1-4
3 per cent. Rentes	101 1-2
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	108
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	85 5-16
Bar Silver	27 5-8

FROM the report of the Education Committee of the Kayastha Sadar Sabha may be gathered some account of the progress of that enlightened community. The Committee have collected a number of reports from various places, and it would appear that while the education of boys, though backward in some places, is often satisfactory, Kayastha girls remain for the most part ignorant even of the rudiments of education, or, in the words of one of the writers, "They are as rough and rigid as in days gone by." It is notable, too, that despite the fact that some of the Kayasthas are beginning to desire intellectual companionship from their wives, very many even of the educated gentlemen of the community object to their girls receiving education. It is true that one Raja has gone so far as to send his daughter to a Grammar School, but it need only be mentioned that 97 per cent. of the Kayastha ladies are illiterate to show that female education has not advanced very far. Bombay and Surat seem to be more advanced than the rest of the country, but even there the result does not appear to give happiness. The Committee, though they offer some suggestions, are very eloquent on the difficulty of reform. The justly over-sensitive feelings of our women are soon apt to be kindled into flame on even the slightest tinge of irreligiousness touching their minds. They are to be specially guarded against the dangers of immorality which, according to the poular idea of the Indian public, are so closely connected with, and are the necessary consequences of education. When even the Commitee show such caution it may be safely concluded that Kayastha enthusiasm on the subject is not very strong.

CERTAIN occupations (observes the "Literary World") do not lend themselves easily to terse description. Add to this the lack of practice in definition, and curious results may be postulated from the census returns. At the last census one word was found in the column marked "occupation," which puzzled the authorities not a little. It was "goseakokling." After a while it dawned upon the officers that the man earned his living by gathering and selling cockles—he "went a-cockling."

FORT WILLIAM MURDER CASE.

PLEA OF INSANITY URGED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 20.

Mr. Pugh addressed the Jury on behalf of Michael Sullivan to-day. He submitted there was no motive for the crime and that the whole circumstances pointed to Sullivan being insane and asked the Jury to acquit him on that ground. Evidence was called to show that when in South Africa Sullivan tried to drown Baird, a comrade, for preventing him from drowning a Kaffir. He also threw a sword at Sergeant Lloyd of his company for which he was imprisoned. He assaulted Baird in a most murderous manner over a dispute regarding three pence and insisted on fighting Private McColl for absolutely no reason. On the morning of the occurrence he told privates Shields and Fox that he was Captain Western of the Gordon Highlanders and that his mother, Lady Rosmore, had sent him money and told Shields to take the money out of his box and treat the main guard to beer. Dr. O. Kinealy, Superintendent of the Lunatic Asylum, where Sullivan has been all this time, said that as a result his observations there can be no doubt as to Sullivan's insanity.

The case is proceeding.

ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT POSTINGS.

Captain G. Milnes from Home to Bombay, vice Captain Trucott transferred Home.

Captain Radd from Aden to Karachi, vice Captain Sudds posted to N. W. Frontier Defences.

Captain F. W. Brown from Home to Aden.

STORM DAMAGE ON THE FRONTIER.

SIMLA, MAY 20.

The recent storms have done much damage on the Frontier in the Khyber. Much of the barley crop has been washed away and the road through the pass is greatly damaged, while numerous slips have taken place on the hill sides. Floods also are reported in the Bara Valley and the Tirah where many cattle have been drowned.

CANADA AND THE 24TH MAY.

Information has not yet been received here as to whether India is to follow the example set by Canada in declaring the twenty fourth of May as a public holiday.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Captain Short, 45th Field Battery, officiates as Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Royal Artillery, Head Quarters of the Bengal Command, vice Captain Coxhead on service.

Lieutenant-Colonel Lowth, Lincolnshire Regiment, commands Secunderabad, vice Colonel Ramsay placed on half-pay.

Major Custance, 36th Sikhs, has one year's sick leave home.

Major General Sir Hector Macdonald left England on the 15th instant to resume the command of a Second Class District in India.

Major Gordon Officiates as Commandant of the 2nd Bombay Lancers.

Major A. Maclean, 2nd Connaught Rangers, died at Nusseerabad to-day of enteric fever.

We are glad to be able to state that the shipment of Lee-Metford rifles from England has at last been resumed. Some seven thousand rifles have lately reached India, and more are on their way.

Owing to a difficulty in obtaining suitable Musalman servants of the requisite standard for the Ceylon and Mauritius battalions of the Royal Artillery in the Oudh District the Rohilkhand District has been added to the recruiting area of the above corps.

On the recommendation of the Commander-in-Chief Government have sanctioned the grant of Rs. 360 each to the British officers of the 33rd Punjab Infantry, and officers of the newly raised 41st, 46th 47th, 48th, and 49th Bengal Infantry, whose change involves a new uniform.

BOMBAY ARRIVALS—MAY 20.—Bliss, Lieut., Bengal, 44th Gurkhas, from leave from England.

Davidson-Houston, Lieutenant, Punjab 5th P. I. from furlough from England.

ELECTRIC LIGHT ON THE RAJPUTANA-MALWA RAILWAY.

WE have had occasion to refer to this subject on several occasions recently, and are now pleased to announce that the first Mail Train fitted throughout with electric light left Ahmedabad on the 6th instant. Our representative accompanied Mr. A. T. Houldcroft, Carriage and Wagon Superintendent of the R.-M. Railway on his inspection of the installation on the train and also the charging plant at Ajmere, which are creditable pieces of workmanship in every respect. The electrically lit vehicles are all new, of the improved bogie type, about 40 feet long, and remarkably smooth in running. The construction of the carriages of all classes has undergone a very thorough revision; and the improvements in roominess and general details of comfort are very clearly marked in the 1st and 2nd class compartments in particular, the electric light replacing the former oil-lamps, naturally forming the most important novelty. The independent battery system is that in use for electric lighting. Every vehicle is provided with a separate storage battery which supplies a current to the lamps of their carriages. Thus a train may be broken at any point, and detached portions sent up branch lines without any interference whatever with the lighting. For the supply of electricity to the batteries, in general, a certain number of charging stations are established, consisting of power plant of the highest class, by means of which the requisite current is produced with every possible economy of labour and fuel. At these charging stations the batteries, composed of readily portable portions, are conveyed to and from the train-side on specially constructed trollies, and the exhausted cases are rapidly replaced by such containing a full charge for the ensuing run. The exchange in Ajmere for instance occupies just 15 minutes. In carriages of the 1st and 2nd class every lamp is provided with a switch; and passengers are requested by no idea to turn the light out when it is not required. Total darkness in the compartment is avoided by the insertion of a pane of frosted glass in the upper portion of the bath-room door, passing light from the bath-room lamp, which is never extinguished, sufficient to render visible both the lamps switch and dimly also other objects in the compartment. The electric light is clean, perfectly steady and ample for reading purposes in the two higher classes. Great pains have evidently been expended on the elaboration and adaptation of all details of the system in use to the peculiar features and circumstances of the vehicles and traffic to be dealt with on the R. M. Railway and in many instances a very keen and striking ingenuity is displayed. The whole of the work has been carried out under the direction of Mr. A. T. Houldcroft, Carriage and Wagon Superintendent, of the R. M. Railway to whom we venture to say we shall shortly be more largely indebted for the boon of a thoroughly safe and sound method of illumination and light fulfilling the most advanced demands both for the comfort and security of the travelling public.

DR. OETTEL, a German professor, together with Haas and Stahl, electricians in Aue, Saxony, have invented an apparatus for producing "chemic," or bleaching liquor, out of ordinary brine, the product being sodium hypochlorite, which is attracting considerable attention among textile manufacturers. It is claimed that the chemic obtained by this method produces a whiteness superior to that of the English bleaching liquor.

SIMLA NOTES AND NEWS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 16.

THERE is still snow on the Chor and still a look of inactivity about the Mall. Big houses have come down in rent to secure tenants, not all of them successfully and even among the smaller ones some remain unlet which are usually taken as a matter of course. Baggage laden coolies continue to straggle along the Mall and fresh name-boards begin to adorn the deodars in Chota Simla as the Punjab sends up its contingent, which always arrives late. The "season," such as it is this year, may be said to have begun, but there is no doubt that the quiet character predicted for it will be borne out as the summer months go on.

There are some distractions, however, without which Simla would not be Simla; and these are duly advertised. The A. D. C. is actively preparing "Petticoat Perfidy" for its first matinee, to-morrow and "The Late Mr. Costello" to amuse our visitors in race week, with Mrs. Casson, Mrs. Beresford-Lovett, Mrs. Montgomery Campbell, Captain Finlay, Lord Suffolk and Captain Winter in the carefully selected cast. The A. D. C. is the perennial fount of entertainment in Simla, and its value is likely to be doubly proved this year. The annual sale of boxes took place on the 10th and showed that the public here was as much disposed as ever to support their willing and hard-working amateur actors and actresses. Mr. Wiliams, the capable and humourous auctioneer, brought the total bids up to Rs. 9,650—about the same as last year, which considering that the station is distinctly less full than it was then should be both gratifying and encouraging.

Lady Palmer is receiving visitors on Tuesdays of this month, and a garden party at Snowdon on the 22nd is among the current fixtures. Some members of the U. S. Club are giving a dance on the 20th at the Town Hall which is bound to be more than ever appreciated on account of the probable paucity of such gaieties. This week's gymkhana was distinguished by the presence of His Excellency the Viceroy, who was prone last season to allow himself to be represented on such occasions by Lady Curzon, reserving himself doubtless for more serious claims. A certain amount of cricket is going on, and the appearance of warm looking young men in riding kit on their way to the Club from Annandale reminds us that polo has begun. The Sipi Fair, which is as important as most Simla fixtures, has come and gone bringing its inevitable thunderstorm which will do a good deal for our dusty Mall and our parched gardens.

Gloom has been cast over the station by the death here from enteric fever, after a brief illness, of Sir Arthur Strachey, Chief Justice of Allahabad. Sir Arthur came to Simla last month, in poor health, accompanied by Lady Strachey. It was at first thought that his illness was trifling, but it gradually developed into enteric, complicated with Malta fever. And he sank and died on the evening of the 14th May. The sad event cuts short a career of almost meteoric brilliance. Sir Arthur came out from England to the Allahabad Bar early in the eighties. He practiced there as a Barrister for a few years, and was made Public Prosecutor to the North-Western Provinces Government in 1832. In this capacity he won a considerable reputation for common sense and ability, his conduct of the Himalayan Bank case bringing him prominently before the public. In 1895 he was selected for appointment as a Judge of the Bombay High Court. Shortly after his elevation to that post he presided at the Tilak trial. The line he there took was a strong one, and he has been much criticised in regard to it, his famous definition of disaffection as "want of affection" evoking a good deal of discussion amongst lawyers. The net result, however, was the putting a stop to a movement, which, however innocent its aims, was undoubtedly becoming dangerous to the tranquility of India. The service thus rendered to the community was recognised a few years later by his appointment to the Chief Justiceship of Allahabad, where he has since won a high reputation. Of a singularly modest and retiring disposition, Sir Arthur Strachey was one who had probably more warm friends and fewer enemies than anyone holding a similarly important position in this country. As a Judge he was painstaking, acute and above all admirably fair-minded. With little of the fire of the advocate, his lucidity and soundness of reasoning carried extraordinary weight with all who heard him. Presiding as Chief Justice, though in years the youngest on the Bench, and that too in a Court where he had but recently practised as a junior advocate, he filled a position which for anyone else would have been a difficult one, but in the case of Sir Arthur Strachey, was absolutely free from friction. By none will be more sorely missed or more truly mourned than by his fellow Judges. In Simla, he is known entirely in his private capacity, but there are many here who deeply lament his untimely death.

Some anxiety continues to be felt here in connection with the prospects of the monsoon. It seems that the storms of the past few weeks have added materially to the accumulation of snow on the higher ranges of the Himalayas, and there is some danger lest this should interfere with the surface heating and consequent indraught, next month, of the moist sea air that yields the rains. The extraordinarily high temperature, however, that are being recorded throughout Upper India would seem to indicate that this action has not been very pronounced as yet. It is reasonable, therefore, to hope that the monsoon may not be affected.

The annual election of the Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge, Himalayan Brotherhood, for the current year, has been held here since my last letter. Colonel Lukis, I. M. S., the popular Civil-Surgeon being unanimously elected.

Our new Member of Council the Hon'ble Mr. A.T. Arundel, is expected here this week, and is understood to have taken Craig Dhu, the pretty house on the Elysium Hill, which was occupied last year by Sir Arthur Trevor.

TAPTI VALEY RAILWAY.

OPENING OF THE GIRNA BRIDGE.

A VERY interesting ceremony was performed last Thursday morning by the Consulting Engineer for Railways, Mr. Willcocks, when he opened a new bridge over the Girna on the Jalgaon Amelner line in connection with the Tapti Valley Railway. The bridge is a perfect triumph of Engineering art and has been most creditably and successfully completed in a very short space of time under the direction and control of Mr. Graham, the Engineer in charge. On the occasion of the testing and the opening of the bridge besides the officials of the G. I. P. Railway, Mr. Willcocks and Dr. J. Pollen. I. C. S., Commissioner of Customs, Salt, Opium and Abkari, were present on the occasion. A special train, conveying Mr. and Mrs. Willcocks, the Commissioner and the Chief Engineer of the G. I. P. Railway, was drawn over the bridge by two heavy engines followed by several wagons containing a specially heavy load of iron rails. The test proved eminently satisfactory in every respect. The special train backed slowly over the bridge and finally dashed across at the rate of 20 miles an hour. The vibration was of the slightest and the Commissioner and Mr. Wilcocks were able to congratulate Mr. Graham on the successful completion of the most creditable work.

The bridge was decorated with flags bearing the name of Mr. Wendon, Mr. Willcocks and Mr. Graham and the progress of the special train over the bridge was watched with interest and curiosity by crowds of natives who raised the cry of "Victory" as the special train completed the final test. An hour after the bridge was this tested the ordinary train conveying the Commissioner and a full load of native passengers passed over the bridge en route for Amalner amidst the liveliest indications of appreciation by the groups of on-lookers who watched the proceedings. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcocks spent the day with Mr. Graham at his quarters near the Bridge and rejoined the mail train for Bombay at Jalgaon the same evening.

The bridge, as now completed, reflects the highest credit on all concerned in the difficult, delicate and dangerous work of bridging the variable Girna. Trains will now run direct from Jalgaon to Surat and the Jalgaon-Amalner and Tapti Valley Railways have a very promising future before them.

THE END OF THE SEASON.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT).

MENTONE, APRIL 29.

THE weather that is Spring only in England is almost Summer—full blown—with us here. The hotels are steadily being emptied, they will soon be shut up. Managers and servants go to work in other more northerly health resorts. It has been so hot that to sit and lounge about the gardens was all we cared to do. The trees are white with blossoms and through the streets come processions of little country carts changed into things of beauty, laden as they are with carnations and roses of every hue, brilliant masses of colour, scenting the narrow and not over-clean streets with an intoxicating perfume impossible to describe. We buy these flowers in heaps, because we cannot helps ourselves, and for next to nothing. They are ridiculously cheap, though the scents that bear their name and must be made from them are absurdly dear here—much dearer than in London. But then the Mentone shopkeeper is unblushing, he is rapacious to a degree, but he occasionally over reaches himself. This year the rich and great have been here in their numbers, but even American Millionnaires and fashionable other folk have kicked at the exhorbitant charges of both hotels and shops.

We have harboured Royalty in the shape of Prince and Princess Charles of Deamark who are still here at the Hotel Belle Vue and call themselves Mr. and Mrs. Fredericksen. They walk about the streets together, and in and out of shops, like any other flaneurs, and have tea every afternoon at Rumpelmayer's with the common herd, and sit on the benches every morning in the gardens watching the crowds go by. Princess Maude (Mrs. Fredericksen) seems always happy and amused. We were racing to catch the train for Monte the other day. It was already in the station, when Prince Charles was seen running on ahead for their tickets, the princess gathering her train over her arm and running too for her life, or the other train rather, up the hill in fits of laughter; but alas! she failed to catch it. So next day at the same time they did start in time and visited the rooms. She dresses very plainly in either black cloth, or black alpaca, and has a very pretty figure. Her hair is a pretty gold brown, but somehow she misses being really pretty, for her head seems too large for her body, her hair she wears puffed out all round her head which does not lessen its apparent size. Princess Beatrice had much luck when she was staying with the Empress, as she sprained her ankle soon after her arrival, and was laid up all the time. She appeared in Church however, the last few Sundays and has now left for some health resort in Germany. She is a very handsome woman. The Empress Eugine is wonderful. She is as straight as a dark still, and looks quite majestic. She wears deep mourning, has a fine Landau here, drawn by magnificent horses, and generally drives about alone, or with a hospital nurse, evidently English, sitting opposite to her.

We have made some lovely excursions on donkeys. One to see the snow mountains from Belinda last week was a good climb, but the reward came when we reached the top, when we saw the snow, lunched and browsed in the heather in the shade of many trees. We fancied we could see people crossing some of the glaciers, but it was after lunch, and a great many bottles of Asti. I do not mean so say that each pair of eyes was responsible for several bottles, but only our collective party. Some one's husband had one and a half, his wife and another lady accounted for at least one. The rest of our select climbers declined to be cross-questioned and hid their bottles in the fragrant heather. But we saw lots of little black figures crossing the glaciers, two by two, always. Coming back the donkeys, and they had not had Asti, got into a tangle at an awful turn and gave us, man and all, another. We quite thought one at least must go over the precipice, and I know we each prayed resolutely that it might be his neighbour. I fortunately had arranged with Pierre, my donkeyboy, that he should not let go the bridle of my mount until we were well over the spur of the mountain. He was faithful and quickly drew Bijou to the front, and the knot untied itself somehow, slowly but surely. Bijou and Pierre are my delight, I never employ any other donkey or donkey-boy. So cheerful, so poor is Pierre, giving all he makes to the house-mother, who is ill and has not been outside her door for seven long months. His elder brother is in the army drawing the handsome pay of five centimes a day! so "we must work" for "nous ne sommes pas riches," and every month money must be sent to the absent one. There was yesterday a terrible storm at San Remo, with hail which they say fell in blocks of ice and destroyed the blossoms of the fruit trees. Here we had thunder and lightning and rain fell in torrents at intervals during the day, but there was no damage done, and to-day the bright sunshine has returned. But I hear the angry throb in the waves, a prelude, I find, to bad weather in Mentone.

We are still out of the world here, for we do not know any more than you do probably, who wrote the "Englishwoman's Love Letters" But then we lead the life of the Lotus, just floating on the surface of a shallow but picturesque social lake. We must soon return to Britain and Britons, and be slaves, I'm afraid, in spite of our national poetical boast. We shall need a lot of bracing after this enervating but charming place, before we are fit for the rough and tumble of real life again.

FANCY DRESS BALL AT PAREL.

A VERY enjoyable fancy dress ball was held on Friday on the Tennis Grounds of the G. I. P. Railway Gymkhana at Parel. A large portion of the grounds was enclosed and brilliantly illuminated with electric light and many Chinese lanterns and a profusion of bunting and palm leaves added to the picturesqueness of the scene. The floor was all that could be desired for dancing and the music supplied was excellent. Dancing commenced at 9 o'clock, and was kept up in a spirited manner till the small hours of the morning. Some of the costumes worn were very attractive, the most noticeable being Fatima, Grace Darling, the Gay Parisienne, Persian Princess, Red, White and Blue, Little Demon, Russian Peasant and The Gypsy Queen.

Mr. C. H. Lilly-white, the honorary secretary, and Messrs Otto, Clarke, and Flannagan, who acted as masters of ceremonies are to be congratulated on the successful arrangements made. Appended are the characters:

Miss. A. Otto, Fatima; Mrs. Turner and Miss Buck Evening Dress; Mrs. Harrison, Afternoon Tea, Mrs. A. Powell, Miss. C. Highton, and Mrs. Daw; Evening Dress; Mrs Hannegan, Red, White and Blue; Mrs. B. Johnson, Miss A. Johnson, Miss Ada Johnson Miss. E. Johnson, Miss. D. Johnson, Evening Dress; Mrs. Coversey, Spanish Dancer; Miss. Tootinchee, Gypsy Queen; Miss A. Walshe, and Miss Cunningham, Evening Dress; Miss Spencer, Spanish Dancer; Miss Corbett, Russian Peasant; Mrs. Cornfield, Miss Cornfield, Mrs. Culiton, and Mrs. Cutler, Evening Dress; Miss. L. Robinson Little Demon; Mrs. J. Turner, Red, White and Blue; Mrs. W. Fry, Evening Dress; Miss. L. Fry, Grace Darling: Miss. A. Fry, British Belle; Mrs. Franks, Nerissa; Mrs. Perry, Evening Dress; Mrs. Lyas, Red, White Blue; Mrs. B. A. Lynn, Bride; Mrs. B. Ringrow, Persian Princess; Miss. E. Ringrow, Fairy; Mrs. B. Millas, The Gay Parisienne; Mrs. Millar Evening Dress; Mrs. Hall, Evening Dress.; Miss F. Pettigrew, Fairy; Miss Stanley, Evening Dress.

GENTLEMEN.

Mr. Joyce, Irishman; Sgt-Maj. Harrison, Mess. G. I. P. Railway Vols.; Mr. Daw, Mr. W. Brett, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Lillywhite, and Mr. F. E. Otto, Evening Dress; Mr. C. Perry, Mess. B. B. and C. I. Railway Vols; Mr. E. Carter, Parsee; Mr. H. Fry, and Mr. H. Romer, Evening Dress; Mr. Connel, gentleman 20th century; Mr. A. Glendenning, Spaniard; Mr. D. Cutler, and Mr. J. Turner, Evening Dress; Mr. B. Johnson, Evening Dress; Mr. H. Flannagan, Red, White and Blue; Mr. A. Coveney, and Mr. W. King, Evening Dress; Mr. F. Robinson, Jester; Mr. Meyar, Jack Tar; Mr. N. B. Goodsir, Mr. P. Malone and Mr. G. Lyons, Evening Dress; Mr. W. Fry, Master of Foxhaunds; Mr. C. Barret, Mahomedan; Mr. Cabral, Musalman; Mr. Lyas, Jack Tar; Mr. Whittenbury, Mr. Trimmings, and Mr. A. Powell, Evening Dress; Mr. Murray, Naughty Boy; Mr. B. A. Lynn, Bridegroom; Mr. J. A. Oates, Persian Prince; Mr. Bennet, Parsee Priest; Mr. Stanley, Mr. D. Turner, and Mr. J. Walshe, Evening Dress; Mr. H. Tripp, American Cowboy; Mr. C. Turner, Mahomedan Priest; Mr. R. F. Goode, and Mr. Millar, Evening Dress; Mr. E. Sunniens, Windsor Court Uniform; Mr. Dalres, Nigger; Mr. G. A Ramsay, Mexican Cattle King; Mr. Kane, Evening Dress; Mr. Joyce, Turkish Rhubarb man; Mr. S. Clarke, Butler; Mr. A. Barker, and Mr La Touche, Evening Dress; Mr. Kelly, Bushranger; Mr. Lawrence, Patchwork; Mr. J. Barrett, H. H. the Gaekwar of Baroda; Mr. M. King, Musalman; Mr. Williams, Chinaman; Mr. A. Torpy, Mahomedan; Mr. E. Torpy, Mr. Pridmore, Mr. Chilton, and Mr. Asbury, Evening Dress.

THE FORTHCOMING CRICKET SEASON.

IMPROVED PROSPECTS OF BOMBAY.

SPECIAL FOR THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

A FEW days ago I made some remarks on the prospects of Bombay and Poona cricket which, as far as Bombay is concerned, were rather premature. In mentioning that the only new blood that would be infused in the Bombay team this season would be Major E. J. Lamb and Dr. Mornemoat, R. N., I reckoned without the presence of that sporting regiment, the Oxfordshire Light Infantry, in our midst. As a matter of fact, from a cricket point of view, the old 52nd Light Infantry is the best regiment we have had in Bombay any time during the last fourteen years, and at least seven players from that regiment will be available to assist the Gymkhana in most of the season's matches. The seven players in question are:—

1 Captain J. D. W. Davy (Haileybury and Sandhurst)
2 C. H. Frith (Charterhouse and Sandhurst)
3 J. T. Weatherby (Winchester and Magdalen Coll., Oxford)
4 A. C. Norman (St. John's Coll., Cambridge)
5 L. E. S. Ward (Felstead School)
6 H. M. Dillon (Wellington)
7 M. F. R. Wingfield (Charterhouse and Magdalen Coll., Oxford)

For regimental matches the side suffer from being split up in detachments and garrison classes, etc. Thus Captain Davy is away on detachment, and has with him Norman; while Ward is at Poona on a garrison class. Frith, who keeps wicket, is home on leave. Still for important matches all, with the exception of Frith, who returns to India late in the season, will be available to assist the Gymkhana.

To take the officers named individually (I have only mentioned those who can be said to be fair cricketers, though several more play with a view to encouraging the men and making up sides). First Captain Davy is a distinctly good regimental player and has a lot of fine performances to his credit for the regiment. He is a consistent bat and fair change bowler. He was in the Haileybury XI of 1883 and came through the season with a batting average of 12·0. He has, however, greatly improved as a bat since his school days, and if he can get down to Bombay to play in the more important matches will greatly strengthen the Gymkhana team.

C. H. Frith, who is at present home on leave, is a fair wicket-keeper, and fair bat. Unfortunately he will be away for all the principal matches.

J. T. Weatherby is probably the best all round player in the regiment, being a really good bat on his day, a fair change bowler with a steady length, and a splendid field. He was in the Winchester College XI of 1896 and scored 403 runs as a result of the season's play, with a highest score of 101, average 25·18. In 1897 he played for Magdalen College—perhaps the best College XI. at Oxford that year—and had a batting average of 17·9. His cricket character is given in Lillywhite's Cricketers' Annual for 1897 thusly:—"A most reliable bat to go in first, with excellent nerve and some fine strokes on the off side. Splendid ground field." He will be a most valuable acquisition to the Gymkhana and ought to be in the running for Presidential honours.

A. C. Norman, who is at present away on detachment duty, is a fair bat, and on his day a very good bowler. In the Cambridge Freshman's match of 1898 he took 10 wickets in the two innings for 92 runs. If he is in form and can get away to Bombay for the principal matches he should prove a tower of strength to the Gymkhana in this department of the game, especially in the present dearth of good bowlers. He also ought to be well in the running for Presidential honours.

L. E. S. Ward is a strong left-handed batsman and recently scored a very fine hit century in Jessopian time. He is a somewhat nervous beginner but when allowed to take the measure of the bowling is a most difficult batsman to dislodge. He is a capital field and was in his school XI. He should be able to take part in all the principal matches when he returns from the garrison class, which he is at present attending at Poona, and his value as a batsman to the Gymkhana will be incalculable.

H. M. Dillon is a keen but rather erratic bowler. He should, however, improve with practice. He can make runs at the tail end of an innings.

M. F. R. Wing-field is one of the best bats in the regiment, and although new to Indian cricket, should, as the season advances, prove invaluable to the Gymkhana in this department of the game. He was in the Charterhouse XI for two years (1896-97) but left school before he was 18. When up at Oxford he was prevented playing for Magdalen College through illness, the season he was in residence.

From these remarks lovers of the game will gather that the fortunes of Bombay cricket are, after so many seasons of depression, on the high road to mending. In addition to so many good players from the Oxfords the Gymkhana will be further strengthened by the inclusion of Major E. J. Lamb and Dr. Mornemont in the team, while Lieutenant J. C. S. Hughes, R. N., who is in Bombay as Commander of a torpedo boat, will also be available. This player performed well for the United Service C. C. Portsmouth a few years ago and both bats and bowls well. In the latter department he will be a great acquisition to the Gymkhana who have long felt the want of a really good fast bowler. This does not exhaust the list as among other new players are Rumboll, of the R. I. M., who is a good all-round player and who received his earlier cricket training at Bedford Mordern School; Dr. West, a slow bowler, Dr. Winter, who played in the Freshman's so match at Oxford a few years ago, and P. J. Mead, who played for the Presidency once about five years ago. Of the old lot H. Cheetham will be able to play this year and if he is at all in form the Gymkhana will greatly profit by his all round play. A. Muirhead and Captain Tomkins, the Gymkhana wicket-keepers, will be away and there will probably be some difficulty in getting the services of a regular wicket-keeper.

I made the remark the other day when dealing with the prospects of Poona cricket that the Poona XI would be the strongest European side in the Presidency, but the inclusion of the Oxfordshire Light Infantry players and the others whose names I have mentioned quite alters the complexion of things and I think the Bombay Gymkhana team with Jardine, Weatherby, Wingfield, Davy, Ward, Hughes, Lamb, Mornemont, Norman and last season's players to select from should have a pull over their opponents. Anyhow we should have some really good cricket this season, which after the hum-drum performances of local cricketers during the last few seasons will be welcomed by lovers of the game. Another item of news which should interest local players is H. C. Pilkington, who played an important part in the 'Varsity match on each of the last two occasions, is at present shooting in India. He will probably be staying here for a few days in August, en route home. I wonder if his services could be secured for the presidency match?

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DR. M. E. PAVRI.

IT will interest local Parsi cricketers to learn that Dr. M. E. Pavri, who did so well, in Club cricket in England last season, scoring over 1,100 runs and taking over 100 wickets for Eastbourne C. C. is in fine all round form at Ootacamund where he is spending the hot weather this season. In partnership with C. T. Studd, the famous Cambridge Blue, he has in several matches run up some very fine scores for Ootacamund Gymkhana besides bowling well. His inclusion in the Parsee team this year will greatly strengthen the side in the Presidency matches for there is no better all-round player ever donned flannels for them than he is. A player who can achieve the success that he did in good club cricket in England cannot fail to do well in Indian cricket.

SIR W. BRAMPTON GURDON, M. P., who succeeded in carrying the second reading of his Marriage with a Deceased Wife's Sister Bill, will be best remembered as one of the late Mr. Gladstone's private secretaries—first in 1865-66, when the right hon. gentleman was Chancellor of the Exchequer, and afterwards when Prime Minister from 1868-74. He also served on a monetary conference in Paris in 1878, and in the following year, and again in 1881, went on special missions to South Africa. Sir Brampton is a younger brother of Lord Cranworth and a brother-in-law of the Earl of Portsmouth.

SPORT IN ENGLAND.

THE CRICKET SEASON.

NOTES FROM THE 'VARSITIES.

RUGBY UNION CLUB.

LONDON, MAY 3.

As has truly been said, cricket is like a voyage at sea—it reveals character and shows others what manner of men we are. Watch an ordinary college match, for instance, and it is amusing to see how the characteristics of different men show themselves, and how opportunity is given for the exhibition of that which in ordinary life stands concealed. One notes that a very conceited man, to wit—one with any amount of side in ordinary life—is really the most nervous of creatures. At cricket this is detected to a certainty, as also other similar characteristics far too numerous to mention now. Practice has gone on unceasingly during the week and once again are centuries in college fray as plentiful as autumnal leaves in Vallombrosa. H. R. Longman (Cambridge) was the first to get into three figures, his batting in the Trinity Freshmens' match being extremely classy. He hit all round the wicket in splendid style and bids fair to emulate the doughty deeds of G. H., his father, hero of four inter-Varsity matches in the seventies. The dearth of really good amateur bowlers at our Public Schools and Universities, season after season, is deplorable, especially by comparison with the ever-increasing number of fine batsmen. Time was when lads were as carefully trained at school in the art of bowling as they were in that of batting, but not so now. This is a rock upon which amateur cricket may probably become shipwrecked, and what is the reason? Well chiefly sheer laziness. Years ago Public School and 'Varsity fellows were expected to not only be able to run, throw, and catch, but constantly to practise these things—just as the Roman youth practised the "trigonalis" and the "paganica." In fact, cricketers had to practise and learn every part of the game. Boys at school practised bowling at a single stump with one ball on the top, and pitched at a piece of paper or a feather. What a difference nowadays, when practising bowling is often-er than not designated "too much fag." Fellows in the full vigour of life, and with countless opportunities for learning to bowl, prefer to bat at the nets day after day, as if net batting practice were the end in itself. As the result of this slackness, a really class Public School or 'Varsity bowler is a comparative rarity. When found he is like a tenore robusto, i. e., a priceless treasure.

A well known writer in stating that University fielding has deteriorated has evidently put his foot in a hornet's nest. Several correspondents emphatically deny any deterioration in this direction, but, happily, opinions differ. Bad fielding is no so pronounced as bad bowling, yet it is certainly not so universally smart as it used to be. As a matter of fact, all first class teams have retrograded in fielding, vide the recent utterances of Prince "Ranji," H. D. G. ("Shrimp") Leveson-Gower, &c. But these insisted upon the positive necessity of a general improvement in fielding, and Mr. Leveson-Gower submitted an excellent plan to that end. Quoth he, "My plan would be to have a man in the nets just to throw the balls all over the ground to the various fieldsmen, and let them run sharp, pick it up, and dash it in as quickly as possible a good length at the wicket." Ex nihilo nihil fit—all our new ideas are but the product of old ones. These tactics were exactly those practised by his predecessor, Mr. M. C. Kemp, the Oxford captain and Kent County crack. In these days the 'Varsity fielding was superb all round, something approching that of the Australians, but now—well—one can hardly say so much.

News has reached Oxford of the death of Capt. D. H. Forbes (the Old Etonian and 'Varsity "Blue") at the front. Like many another prominent University sportsman, he passed through many hot engagements, only to succumb to enteric fever. He will be sadly missed by the Stirling County and Scottish representative elevens. The C. U. C. C. are happy in having such a keen cricketer and sportsman as the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, M.A., as hon. treasurer in succession to the late master of Peterhouse. At the Ranjitsinhji banquet, four years ago, he made a memorable speech in proposing the toast of "Cricket."—D. G. Fry (Queen's) is the new C. U. L. F. C. captain, and the later 'Varsity match is fixed for July 2nd and 3rd at Queen's Club.—At the last moment the return International athletic contest between Oxford and Cambridge v. Yale and Harvard Universities is practically arranged to take place in America on September 21st. The contest is to be one of nine events, with a two instead of a three-miles distance race. Whether our fellows will also take on the Canadian Universities is not yet decided.—C. W. H. Taylor (Eton and Third Trinity) is the new president of the C.U.B.C.—It is highly probable that G. Haward-Smith (Cambridge) will go for the A.A. A. Championship High Jump this year.—The Chambers Trophy for the revived Seven-miles Walking Championship at Crewe last Saturday was the identical cup won by that famous Cantab in 1885.—The Oxford Summer Eights are (provisionally) fixed

to Bedford, of Morley, who should have gone to Essex had not the Yorkshire officers stepped in the vetoed the arrangement. He has a good length and fairly fast delivery, with a run after the style of the late George Davidson, of Derbyshire, but what sting there may be in his bowling is hardly yet known. Another player spoken of is Ringrose, a player from the North Riding, who was some time ago recommended by Sir Charles Legard, and on the strength of that recommendation given an engagement at Sheffield. Latterly, he has been engaged out Birkenhead way, it has been said that he has improved and sends down a good, fast ball. Dibb of Pudsey; Soulsby, of Hull; and a young amateur of the Leed Club of the name of Heald are also among thoses spoken of in favourable terms. However, more will be known of the young blood in the Colts' match on Thursday and Friday next. Among those who went to Headingley to practise were R. E. Foster, and one of his brothers of "Fostershire." They had been staying at Scarborough, and were invited over by Lord Hawke to practise on the Leeds ground. His lordship, who looks very well indeed, is staying at Harrogate, and taking the local treatment preparatory to the opening of the cricket season.

From an inspection of Leicestershire's new county ground the other day it was noticeable that while plenty of work remains to be accomplished, the enclosure will be in a fairly forward state of completion by the time of opening next Monday week. The urroundings will be a vast improvement to those xperienced during the past 20 years at Aylestone; in fact, the new ground will be thoroughly up to date in every respect. The recent spell of sun has worked a wonderful improvement on the turf, and it is confidently anticipated that excellent wickets will be obtained. The pavillion will only partially erected for the coming season, but other stands have been built, and excellent accommodation provided in other respects. Pressmen will appreciate the improved conditions under which they will labour, especially, as regards the means of despatch which a telegraph office in the press-box provides. The concluding season at Aylestone was a most disastrous one, but it is satisfactory to note that about one half of the £800 deficit has been wiped out, whilst of the £5,500 required for the equipment of the new home £4,500 has either been contributed or promised. Thus the committee are passing through a severe financial crisis admirably, and, with a bazaar on a big scale looming in the distance, the outlook is encouraging. Interest will be added to this season's team by the inclusion of two new men—Mr. R. Crawford, brother of Mr. V. F. S. Crawford, who plays for Surrey, and Gill (E. H.), a brother of the Somersetshire professional. All last season's players will be available, and later on in the season Mr. H. Marriott and Mr. F. W. S. Stocks will assist.

It is expected that before the advent of another season an effort will be made to form a Rugby Union team of London Cumbrians. At the present time there are a number of old Cumberland players in the Metropolis, many of whom are already playing members of metropolitan clubs, and a feeling has arisen amongst them in favour of a banding of their forces together in one organisation, bearing a distinctive title after the style of the London Scottish of former days. It is also felt that such an organisation would prove a capital gathering ground for the Cumberland Rugby Union in search of likely players for County honours next season. In the present attenuated condition of the Rugby Union ranks in Cumberland, the Cumberland Executive have latterly found it impossible to keep their team up to county pitch without the aid of a few non-resident players. In their choice of this outside help they have hitherto made a happy selection, one of their latest "finds" getting fits North cup this season, and a movement on the lines indicateff would probably mean to them a fresh lease of life as a county organisation.

Bristol concluded their season on Saturday, when they defeated Cheltenham by the substantial margin of 22 points. Out of the 38 matches they played, 25 were won, 10 lost, and three drawn—figures which very nearly equal those of last year, when the victories were the same, and draws and losses two less Taking the season as a whole, Bristol have every reason to be satisfied, for they have maintained thier position as one of the leading clubs of the West. This has been done in spite of the difficulties encountered in making up the three-quarter line. The four men who did such brilliant work there in the previous season were all lost through various causes, and were never adequately replaced. This was not for want of experiments, for nearly thirty players were tried, and even then hardly more than two new players of promise were found. Fortunately the forwards did not deteriorate, and in no game did they meet their superiors. Jarman not only succeeded in keeping his men together, but generally managed to get them to turn out in excellent condition. At half-back Needs has not often partnered Foster, because he has had to fill vacancies in the three-quarter line, but a plucky substitute was found in Peters. The best performances were victories over Oxford University and Leicester, and draws with Newport and Gloucester. Bath, Cheltenham, Barnstaple, Wellington, and Clifton were twice defeated, and the other clubs beaten were Sidmouth United, Bristol, R. N. E. College, Portsmouth, Exeter, Sherborne School, Old Sherbornians, Pennygraig, Rosslyn Park, Lennox, Leicester, London Welsh, Old Edwardians, and Pontypridd. The draws, were with Gloucester, Newport, and Exeter while Neath (2), Cardiff (2), Gloucester, Newport, Devon Albion (2), Llwynpia, and Northampton were the clubs that inflicted defeat upon Bristol. The number of points obtained during the season was 460, for, and 180 were registered against the club.

Gloucester who have done so well throughout the season, concluded their programme with a brilliant win over Northampton. The match brought out the strongest features of the team. They were six points to the bad at half-time, but they were six points to the good at the close. So it has been all the winter—the men have never given in, and though they lost five games two of them were by three points to love. As a set off to these reverses, they can lay claim to 24 victories and five draws. At Kingsholm they did not lose a match, and there they actually scored 432 points to 24, their full record being 522 to 75. Never before have they done so well in this direction. Only 36 players were called upon during the season, and of these G. Clutterbuck heads the list of scorers with 23 tries, while Romans kicked 53 goals out of 98 attempts, besides four goals from the field. The forwards were again the mainstay of the team, though they have never had a smarter pair of half-backs than Goddard and Hall. The three-quarters, too, have worked together splendidly, a fact illustrated by the heavy scoring.

The last important match of the English lacrosse season was played on Saturdy in the North Stockport, the Northern Flag-winners and holders of the Iroquois Cup given for the club championship of England, meeting Woodford the Southern champions. The game was a good exhibition of lacrosse but Stockport held the upper hand all through and won by eleven goals to two. A rather closer game was expected after Woodford's display in the South; but Stockport was the first club opposed this season which was really strong in all parts of the field, and in such a case the Woodford tactics were scarcely suitable. The Iroquois Cup has only once come South, when Surbiton beat Stockport a few years since.

The record entry of 114 players has been received for the amateur golf championship, which takes place next week at St. Andrews. The names sent in include Messrs. H. H. Hilton (holder) and J. Graham, jun. (Royal Liverpool), the Earl of Winchilsea and Mr. Leslie Balfour-Melville (Royal and Ancient), Messrs. J. E. Laidlay, Mansfield Hunter, and Norman Hunter (Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers), Mr. H. G. Hutchinson (Royal North Devon), Messrs. D. Stanley Froy and F. H. Newnes (London Scottish), Mr. H. G. Castle (Chiswick), Messrs. S. H. Fry and J. R. Gairdner (Mid-Surrey), Mr. D. F. Ranson (Tooting Bec), Mr. Robert Maxwell (Tantallon), Mr. H. W. Beveridge (Oxford University), and Messrs. William Greig and James Robb (St. Andrews).

THE revised regulations regarding the appointment, duties and remuneration of examiners, made by the Senate of the Punjab University, are published in the current "Punjab Gazette"

THE DEATH OF SIR ARTHUR STRACHEY.

SPEECHES AT THE ALLAHABAD HIGH COURT.

ON Thursday morning it became generally known in Allahabad legal circles that the Chief Justice was dead. Court Number 1, where Sir Arthur Strachey used to sit, was draped in black and Sir Arthur's chair was covered with crape. Shortly after ten the room became crowded, all the High Court officials gathering at the back of the room, and the English and native barristers and vakils sitting in front. Among those present in the well of the Court were:—Mr. E.M. Des C. Chamier, Government Advocate; Mr. W. K. Porter, Assistant-Government Advocate; Mr. W. M. Colvin, Mr. C. C. Dillon, Mr. C. R. Alston, Mr. A. E. Byres, Mr. Amiruddin, Mr. D. Banerji, Mr. B. O'Connor, Mr. W. Wallach, Mr. A.H.C. Hamilton, Mr. J. W Dillon, Mr. G. P. Boys, Mr. E. A. Howard, Mr. B. K. Sorabji, barristers-at-law; Mr. R. Malcomson and Mr. H. T. Coleman, Solicitors; Mr. Sunder Lal, Mr. Moti Lal Nehru, Mr. Jogindra Nath Chaudri, Mr. Satya Chaudri, Mr. Satya Chander Mukerji, Mr. Durga Charan Banerji, vakil, and Mr. Ghulam Mujtaba, Government Pleader.

Mr. Wright, the Registrar, ushered in the Judges of the High Court dressed in their robes, Mr. Justice Knox presided, and on his right hand sat Mr. Justice Banerji and Mr. Aikman, while on his left sat Mr. Justice Blair and Mr. Justice Burkett.

Mr. Justice Knox, in a speech which was marked by deep feeling said:

Mr. Colvin,—Very heavy are the tidings I have to convey to you to-day, and through you to the Bar. Since we met yesterday Sir Arthur Strachey has passed away. In his death, as we all realise, we have lost a Chief Justice second to none of the many able and distinguished Judges who have presided over this Court, a Chief Justice who had added and who promised to add still further honour to the illustrious name which he bore—a name which has won for itself by brilliant and loyal work done in India not only an Indian but a world-wide reputation. It would be easy for me, but quite superfluous, to dwell upon the qualities which we have learned to respect and to admire. The thorough interest with which Sir Arthur Strachey applied himself to every detail of his work, the keenness with which he unravelled any legal difficulty in his path, the never failing courtesy and patience with which he listened to every argument addressed to him—it is easy now to remember all this our common gain; it is by no means easy just now to estimate the gravity of our common loss: our sorrow is too fresh, too recent—we can but say we suffer and suffer grievously, and we know we have your sympathy. To you, Mr. Colvin, and to the gentlemen of the Bar, it must be no common sorrow. It is not often in India that a member of the Bar is called to preside as Chief Justice over the Court and Bar in which he first began his labours. You felt, and rightly felt, no small satisfaction in having him as Chief Justice whom you had learned to know first as a careful and critical counsel, a still more careful and able Public Prosecutor, and about whom you knew, what all of us now know, that what he did he did throughout well and earnestly. United by the common bond of affliction, I ask you to join to-day in silent and respectful sympathy with those who knew him better than we did, and whose grief to-day must be far too deep for utterance. Our common prayer to-day is, God be with them in this terrible bereavement."

Mr. Colvin said: "Mr. Justice Knox and Your Lordship's companions on the Bench,—I need hardly tell you that the sad intelligence which Your Lordship has announced to us just now has caused the deepest sorrow. I speak on behalf of the Allahabad Bar and the solicitors practising in Allahabad. Most of us remember the time when Sir Arthur Strachey joined us. He was a favourite from the beginning. His geniality, good nature, and manly straightforwardness endeared him to us from the first day on which we saw him. These qualities seem to us to have increased day by day as he stayed with us, and when he left us and become one of Your Lordship's companions on the Bench, Your Lordship has already referred to the pride we all felt when Sir Arthur was elected to become Chief Justice of the Court at whose Bar he had practised for so many years. It seems but yesterday to me and to all of us when we greeted him with enthusiasm on his appointment to the Chief Justiceship of this Court. Your Lordship will recolect how delighted we all were to see him amongst us. From that day to the time of his death not one of us but had these feelings confirmed and intensified. We all hoped, alas! in vain, that a career which had begun so prosperously and hopefully would lead onward to further successes. We had hoped that this Bar over which he had presided so well might be a most stepping stone to further success in life, and that we might see him eventually in a high place on the Bench of Justice at Home. Not one of his old friends of the Allahabad Bar but would have received the news of his further success in life with sincere pleasure. It was a singular felicity to be associated with Sir Arthur Strachey. Difficulties which appeared formidable, nay insurmountable, were smoothed away. Work which had seemed laborious was never too laborious for him, and research which had seemed difficult was never too difficult for his abilities to overcome. His help was given with such freedom and pleasantness that we felt it was we who were conferring a benefit on him. I will not take up your time, except to agree most cordially with the eulogy you have pronounced. We have lost a friend, and one of the most distinguished Chief Justices we have ever had in the Allahabad High Court. We always felt that Sir Arthur Strachey gave us a patient and a courteous hearing, and it was always a matter of satisfaction to appear before him. We all felt, and we feel very deeply, for that dear lady, his wife, stricken in sorrow, and we should be very pleased if your Lordship would convey to her how we feel for her in her solitude and sorrow, that we pray she will be supported in her great affliction."

Mr. Sunder Lal expressed on behalf of the vakils of the High Court the deep sorrow they felt at the death of Sir Arthur Strachey. He was endeared to them all by the many good qualities which had already been referred to. He was one of those whom everyone respected for his hard and honest work, for his advocacy and for his honourable conduct as a member of the Bar. As a judge the impressions he left would be very hard to efface. He gave to everyone, junior or senior, native or European, a most patient hearing. His endeavour was to give perfect justice to everyman, and his unfailing courtesy had endeared him to all. As Mr. Colvin had said Sir Arthur Strachey was one of the most illustrious of the many illustrious Chief Justices who had presided over that court. Mr. Sunder Lal ended by expressing the deep sympathy felt by the vakils for the loss their Lordships had sustained, and by joining in the expression of deepest sympathy for Lady Strachey in her bereavement.

Mr. Justice Knox: This court will remain closed until further directions.

A meeting of the Vakils' Association of the N.-W. P. was held at 11-30 a.m. on Thursday morning in the Association room, and the following resolution was carried:—

"Resolved unanimously that the following message be sent to Lady Strachey on behalf of the Vakils' Association: 'The Vakils' Association, North-Western Provinces, are deeply grieved at the lamented death of Sir Arthur Strachey, and beg to tender their sincerest condolence to your ladyship.'"

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION IN GERMANY.

A DISASTROUS explosion occurred on the 25th ult. at the smokeless powder Elektron Factory at Griesheim, near Frankfort, by which, according to the latest accounts, about 30 persons were killed and 50 injured, whilst over 1,000 people have been thrown out of employment.

The explosion was caused by a fire which broke out at the Griesheim factory about three o'clock in the afternoon in the department where explosives are manufactured. The fire brigade was at once summoned, and was still occupied in endeavouring to master the flames when a tremendous explosion occurred, instantly huge flames burst forth on all sides and spread with frightful speed to the adjacent buildings, and then over the Main to the village of Schwanheim.

Towards half-past five a second explosion took place. The scene of the disaster became almost unapproachable, and the inhabitants of Griesheim were ordered to quit the village, which had already suffered considerably. The Frankfurt Fire Brigade, Ambulance, and Salvage Corps had in the meantime arrived, as well as some troops, and all set to work with the greatest vigour. Every available building has been converted into a temporary hospital.

There was a final explosion in the blazing works at half-past seven in the evening, and at half-past eight the people were allowed to return to their homes, as all danger appeared to be over. The fire, however, still raged within the factory walls. The work of recovering the injured and the bodies of the killed was carried on by torchlight, as the gas supply was interrupted.

AN Ariegeoise widow named Mdme. Fenayron, who lived at Stables, has recently been the recipient of a bundle of securities of the value of nearly 100,000 francs. They had been stolen (says the "Journal des Debats") some three months ago by a thief, who unburdened his conscience of its guilty secret to the priest at the confessional, subsequently handing him the plunder, and the priest, without disclosing the name of the penitent, forwarded the property to its rightful owner.

THE MADRAS FREEMASONRY SCANDAL.

TRIAL OF THE DISTRICT TREASURER.

The hearing of the case in which Cowasjee Edulje, formerly treasurer of the District Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Madras, is charged with the criminal misappropriation of the funds of the Lodge, was resumed on Friday afternoon. Colonel Sir George Moore, the immediate Past District Grand Master, and a clerk of the Bank of Madras, with whom the funds were lodged, were examined, and their cross-examination was reserved. The case was adjourned to the 24th instant. In the course of his examination Colonel Moore produced a letter written by the accused, from Bombay on 16th March in reply to a wire sent him by the Deputy District Grand Master, Accused, in sending the accounts of the Lodge, says in his letter:

"The only fault you will find is in my not having deposited the Home Government promissory notes in the Bank; they were taken by me as a loan with honest intentions of replacing them, but circumstances so turned up that I was not able to do so before the change of office, though since December last I was in communication with my friends at Bombay for the negotiation of a loan in order to replace the amount without anyone knowing it." He also says that he had negotiated with friends for a loan, who had promised to give it before the end of April. He further adds in his letter. "It is only a month and you will see there will be no benefit in exposing the matter. It is to avoid a masonic scandal from the outside world and not to disgrace my old family name, which has stood unsullied in Madras since 1794, and also not to prove myself an unworthy mason after my masonic career of 40 years, and ungrateful for the high office you have bestowed on me, and the appreciation of my services in the way you did, and last of all not to be unmindful of the many favours and kindness of Sir George for the confidence he has placed in me, that I have done all in my power to replace the amount quietly, and it was with this object I have been trying long before the change of office to negotiate a loan and pay off the amount and resign my office to escape future temptations to borrow from these funds; but the circumstances so turned up. It is only to save the respect and honour of my old family in Madras that my friends have come forward to help me with a loan, and if they find that my name is after all exposed, I am sure all my labour will be lost and they will withdraw the promise, seeing that their help will be of no use since the matter is exposed. I have, therefore, only to request and beg of you as a kind brother and friend (if you will permit me to call you), to keep the matter strictly between ourselve, and I assure you that I will positively bring the amount personally and deliver it without anyone knowing it, for honestly to speak on the square I would be the last to deprive the friends of their money which is intended for the poor widows and children.

THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL FUND.

THE undersigned beg to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following contributions towards the above fund:—

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TRAMWAY PASSENGERS' GRIEVANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I shall feel obliged if you will give publication to a grievance that passengers travelling from Sassoon Dock to the Market have against the Tramway Company. By a recent rule of the Tramway Company passengers travelling to the Market are refused transfers at Grant's Building and are compelled to go on to Boree Bunder before they can change. The inconvenience caused to passengers by this rule, especially if they are travelling after 5 p. m., is obvious. At Grant's Building the transfer can be effected with a minimum of discomfort as seats are always to be had in the trams waiting there, but when the transfer is effected at Boree Bunder, all the trams coming from the Fort side are usually so crowded that it is no uncommon experience to be compelled to wait until three or four cars have passed before the unlucky passenger can find a seat. In the case of ladies and children in particular the inconvenience of having to stand in the middle of the road for ten minutes and often longer is exasperating in the extreme, and all the more so when it is considered that the Tramway Company might, without suffering in any way, issue transfers for Grant's Building. A large number of Colaba people use the trams when business and household matters take them to the market, and I think this is a small concession, if, indeed, it can be called a concession, that the Tramway Company ought to give their passengers.—Yours, etc.

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THE OXFORDSHIRE L. I. CRICKET FIXTURES.

THE new regiment at Colaba it will interest local lovers of the game comes to us with a great cricket reputation and has probably one of the strongest regimental teams in India. The Commanding Officer, Colonel Eccles, though no player himself (he is a great polo enthusiasts but given) every encouragement to this and all other pastimes which are to the men's benefit. Mr. J. T. Weatherby, the old Wykehamist, is secretary for cricket and has arranged a programme of some 20 matches, including fixtures with all the principal clubs in Bombay. If the old 52nd Light Infantry can get anything like a full side together for their matches they should win more than their share of them.

CRICKET MATCH AT SURAT.

A CORRESPONDENT writes a very interesting cricket match was played between the Surat Nagar Gymkhana and the Brahma Kshatriyas on the 13th and 14th May which resulted in the defeat of the Kshatriya team by 8 wickets and 5 runs. The K. team batted first but could not make any stand against the effective bowling, of Messrs Rajendra and M. A. Mehta. In both innings the Kshatriyas team total scores were only 33 and 36.

The Nagar Gymkhana team, in their first Innings, made 41, to which Mr. M. K. Mehta contributed 19. In their second Innings the Nagar Gymkhana lost 3 wikets for 33. The Match terminated in a victory for the Nagar Gymkhana by 8 wickets and 5 runs.

The inhabitants of that "Beautiful though somewhat secluded" district, Noakhali, who, like Byron, awoke one morning to find themselves famous, writes the "Pioneer," are not altogether the meek and lamb-like villagers they would have us suppose. At least they do not seem to be in the habit of treating the Bengal Government's surveyors very well, if we are to believe the Bengal Survery Report. They seem, for one thing, to have created a corner in cooli labour. Coolies could be had in other districts at 1 1-2 annas a day: but nothing less than Rs 10 a month would suit the natives of Noakhali. Not content with this they obstructed survey operations. The people of some parts of Bengal seem to derive amusement from "uprooting theodolite stations," but this practice, the surveyors are glad to observe, is deceying, and they are also thankful to say that the inhabitants now take more interest in the survey. In the Sonthal Parganas, however, they still view the surveyors with suspicion, and when there happens to be any dispute about boundaries, refuse to allow the surveyors to go over the part in question. Noakhali, as we all know now, is a swampy place, and the Noakhali people got a pull over the surveyors by refusing to give them boats. At the request of the Collector the survey of the chars was curtailed, but whether this was owing to pressure from the opposition or to some other reason, we are not informed. As has already been said, there seems to be something in the air of Noakhali.

GENERAL COLVILE'S PAARDEBERG DESPATCH.

LORD KITCHENER'S RESPONSIBILITY.

THE report written by Lieut.-General Sir Henry Colvile on the operations of the Ninth Division at Paardeberg was presented to Parliament on Tuesday. The despatch, although written by General Colvile so long ago as March 3, 1900, only came to light a few days ago, when it was discovered in a box at the War Office. Previously Mr. Brodrick had denied its existence but a renewed search revealed the document.

The despatch is addressed to the Chief of Staff. Four or five times in the course of it General Colvile refers to the orders he received from Lord Kitchener, who early on the 18th partly withdrew Major-General Hector Macdonald's brigade from Sir Henry's immediate command.

Early in the afternoon (says General Colvile) I was directed by Lord Kitchener to reinforce General Smith Dorrien's Brigade with all my available fresh troops and to make a determined assault on the enemy's position. I accordingly sent the remaining half battalion of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry under Lieut.-Colonel W. Aldworth, D.S.O., across the river to carry out this order. At 3-30 he passed the drift C and taking advantage of a slight fold in the ground moved some distance in a northerly direction before delivering his attack. In this he was joined by the Canadians and some Highlanders. It was delivered with extraordinary courage and determination, but was, I regret to say, unsuccessful and resulted in the death of Colonel Aldworth and the loss of a considerable number of officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

General Colvile goes on to detail the operations of his brigade on the following days. It was the work of men under his command which caused Cronje's surrender.

On the 21st February the Shropshires pushed forward on the north bank of the river, and succeeded in entrenching themselves within 450 yards of the enemy's advanced work; a party of this regiment was also sent to the south bank by means of the Jame's boat, and commenced a trench running from the river in a south-easterly direction.

By the morning of the 28th the north trench was 460 yards long, and that on the south bank 280 yards. . . . I was convinced that the time had come to attempt a further advance, instead of prolonging the existing trench, the more so that observations from the balloon had shown that the enemy held series of trenches parallel to the river, and at right angles to their advanced trench which an advance of a few hundred yards would enable us to enfilade; I, therefore, obtained the sanction of the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief to carry out this movement.

The troops were disposed as shown on the attached sketch (not printed). At 2-30 a.m., on the 27th February the assaulting party, composed of 240 Royal Canadians in the front rank, and the same number in the rear rank, with rifles slung, and carrying entrenching tools, under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Buchan, with 30 men of the Royal Engineers, under Lieut.-Colonel Kincaid, on their right, advanced shoulder to shoulder until, when at a distance of 80 yards from the enemy's trench, they were met by a terrific fire. The front rank of the Canadians at once lay down and returned the fire, while the rear rank, with the Engineers, commenced the construction of a trench some 12 paces in rear. So well did they do their work that before day-light perfect cover had been secured, and the enemy's advanced positions completely commanded.

When day broke a white flag was seen flying over the Boer lasger and considerable numbers of the enemy began to come into our lines. At 6 a.m. I received a message from the Field-Marshal Commanding in-Chief that General Cronje had unconditionally surrendered.

It was a source of great satisfaction to me to be able to bring to the notice of the Field-Marshal Commanding-in-Chief the splendid behaviour of the troops under my command, both on the trying march to Paardeberg and during the following operations. On the 18th the courage and determination shown by the Highland Brigade in their advance over some 1,500 yards of perfectly open plain, and their passage of the river, both under heavy fire, are beyond all praise, and nothing could have exceeded the gallantry displayed by the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry Highlanders, and Canadians during the afternoon attack, while it was only due to the coolness and discipline of the Shropshire Light Infantry and Gordon Highlanders that Major-General Smith-Dorrien's turning movement was so effectively carried out.

A SINGER'S JEALOUSY.

STRANGE STORY OF MADAME MELBA.

MADAME MELBA is held by some to rival the vocal accomplishments of some of the greatest singers of past days. However this may be, she appears—If a strange story reported in the American papers is true—to exhibit the same passionate jealousy and intolerance of the success and popularity of other artists which has sometimes been reckoned the besetting sin of the prima donna. The incident referred to is reported in the American Press with all the ingenious wealth of variegated type and startling headline which they use in the States with so much effect, "Melba makes Grand Display of Temper"; "Madame Melba was in a Whirl of Passion"; "She alone was Star"; and so forth. It appears that a performance of "Romeo and Juliette" at Boston the other day marked the 25th anniversary of M. Edouard de Reszke's debut in opera, and the friends and admirers of the magnificent basso prepared to celebrate the occasion by presenting him with flowers at the end of one of the acts. The baskets containing the offerings were to be handed to him from the auditorium across the footlights, and, as the audience were all aware of what was intended, a good deal of interest had been excited. This is how the "Boston Morning News" narrates Madame Melba's views of the proceeding:—

"The big audience were all expectant, and were prepared to give him a Royal ovation; but while the people were craning their necks downward a scene not in the libretto was being enacted that completely upset the plans of the audience and the immediate friends who had provided the flowers.

It was Melba who caused it. She stamped her foot and shook her head, and would have none of it.

Speaking to De Reszke, she said: 'I will not allow it. I will not go on the stage with a man and see him receive flowers when there are none for me. If you wish to accept the flowers over the footlights you must go alone, for I certainly shall not accompany you.'

"In the meantime the audience were applauding, and at the same time Madame Melba was protesting. 'There is no other star here above me, and I will not submit to the indignity.'"

"And she had her way, as women generally do. M. de Reszke shrugged his shoulders after the manner of the French, and said, 'Very well, have the flowers sent round to the stage.'"

But the most amusing part of it lies in 'the beautifully naive way in which Madame Melba is reported to have shown her estimate of her personal prerogative.

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If any other prima donna had been M. de Reszke's colleague for the evening no objection of course could reasonably have been raised, but it was intolerable that a moment's consideration should be given to any other living soul while Melba was on the stage! It is easy to imagine the good-natured indifference with which Edouard de Reszke seem to have treated this truly feminine outburst.

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HOME DEPARTMENT.

THE services of the Hon Mr J A Bourdillon, C S I of the Indian Civil Service, are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of Bengal.

The services of the undermentioned Officers are placed permanently at the disposal of the Govt of the N-W Provinces and Oudh:—Major J Gravie, M B, C M, I M S, Bengal; Capt J S S Lumsden, M B, I M S, Bengal; and Capt C Thomson, M B, I M S Bengal.

The services of Lieut G P Evans, 19th Punjab Infy, are placed at the disposal of the Govt of Burma for employment in the Burma Military Police.

The Rev H C Spring, a Senior Chaplain on the Bengal (Lucknow) Ecclesiastical Establishment, is permitted to retire from the service.

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE.

Lieut F B Tillard, R E, is appointed to the Survey of India Dept as an Assist Supt, 2nd grade.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Lieut S B A Patterson, I S C, a Political Asst of the 3rd class, is granted privilege leave for three months, and furlough for nine months.

Lieut-Col G H D Gimlette, I M S Bengal, is posted as Residency Surgeon in Hyderabad.

FINANCE AND COMMERCE DEPARTMENT.

Mr R T Howe, Asst Comptroller Genl in charge of the Paper Currency Office, Calcutta, is granted privilege leave for three months.

Mr A F Ashton, Depy Commissioner, Northern Indin Salt Revenue, is granted privilege leave for three months, and the following acting appointments are made during the absence on privilege leave of Mr Ashton or until further orders:—Mr J Bolster, Asst Commissioner, Northern India Salt Revenue, to officiate as Depy Commissioner, and Mr A E Cohen, Supdt, Northern India Salt Revenue, to officiate as Asst Commissioner, Northern India Salt Revenue.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

The following officers to be Asst Commissaries-Genl, 4th class:—Capt C Rampini, I S C; Capt H deB Codrington, I S C; Capt F W H Forteath, I S C; and Capt F W Hawks, I S C.

Mr W G Wells is appointed Depy Examiner, 2nd grade, Military Accounts Dept, vice Mr N A Subramania Aiyer, suspended.

Capt B Holloway, I S C, 2nd Madras Lancers, to be Asst Secy, on probation, vice Cap C H Selwyn, I S C, vacated.

Lieut-Col C Hall, I M S, is granted the temporary rank of Colonel, whilst officiating as Principal Medical Officer, Lahore Dist, vice Col C H Joubert, M B, I M S, appointed to officiate as Principal Medical Officer Punjab Command.

Lieut Col J Duke, I M S, is granted the temporary rank of Colonel, whilst officiating as Principal Medical Officer, Presidency Dist vice Col J T B Bookey, I M S, on leave.

The undermentioned officers of the Unattached List are admitted to the Indian staff Corps, with effect from the dates specified, subject to confirmation by the Secretary of State for India:—Second Lieuts—H A Balderston, G D Pike, E E S Bennett, M E Rae, R E H Howell, W E Home, H R B Reed, A N De Vere Scott, W B Bailey, A L Smeaton, A C P Cochran, V E Gwyer, I H Gordon, G E P Davis, H St G Boulton, G C Wheeler, P R Chambers, E Marsden, C R Lyall, P W Burrowes, C A G Black, and C B D Strettell.

ORGANISATION—ARMY RESERVES.

R W Hodges, Gent to be Second-Lieut in the Infantry branch of the Indian Army Reserve of Officers.

INDIAN STAFF CORPS.

Subject to H M's approval, the undermentioned Majors are granted the temporary rank of Lieut-Col, whilst serving as regimental commandants, Indian Army:—C Le Gendre Justice, and H Rose.

Subject to H M approval, the undermentioned Captains are granted the temporary rank of Majors, whilst serving as regimental commandants or seconds-in-command, Indian Army:—D E Mocatta, and W H Savage.

The following promotions are made subject to H M's approval—Second Lieut to be Lieut—H B Robinson, T G J Torrie, E R C Wyatt, A W Robertson-Glasgow, C E M Mayne, G M Glynton, and G H Newcombe.

COMMISSARIAT-TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT.

BOMBAY.

Sub-Condr W Doolan to be Condr and Serg E Southam to be Sub-Condr vice Condr W E Joyce, deceased.

INDIAN SUBORDINATE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

BENGAL.

In recognition of the service rendered by the undermentioned Military Assit Surgn in connection with famine in Berar, the following promotion is made subject to H M approval:—To be Senior Assit Surgeon with the honorary rank of Captain—Senior Assit Surg and Hon Lieut J Morrison.

ORDANCE DEPARTMENT.

Sub-Condr F Handley, on probation, is confirmed in his present grade.

VOLUNTEER CORPS.

Rangoon Vol Artillery—Surgn-Major T F Pedley, M D, V D, to be Surgn-Lieut-Col.

Northern Bengal Mounted Rifles—Second-Lieut, M E McInerny to be Lieut, vice Thomas, transferred to the supernumerary list.

Mussoorie Volr Rifles—G O Ware, Gentl, to be Second Lieut, vice Busher, promoted.

MEDALS AND DECORATIONS.

The undermentioned members of the Indian Volunteer Forces are granted the Volunteer Long Service Medal.

Karachi Artillery Volunteers:—Company Sergt-Major G H Savage, Gunners J Peel and J Hughes Nagpur Vol Rifles:—Sergeants R Bell and W J Willison-McQuillen, Volr A Clendenning, and G H O'Donel.

G I P R Volunteers.—Sergts C H Glover-Wright and A Coles; Corpls J H Romer and P Shea, Lance-Corpls R Greenhill and W T Lovergrove Volunteers G Ackhurst N Richardson A B Richters O F Vaz D P Lee Senac G Green and G Nutley.

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1st Battn, B B and C I Ry Volunteers,—Color-Sergts W R Conyers and W H Bateman Sergt F H Rollings and Lce Sergt J Dias.

2nd Battn, B B and C I Ry Volunteers,—Corpls T C Austin and H Cole, Volunteers J R Cline M Doyle and W H Louth.

Sind Vol Rifles,—Lieut W R, Hoonahan Sergts S D'Gama and J W Rozare Corpl W Marsh and Volr C A Marshall.

Hyderabad Volr Rifles.—Sergt G Makepeace.

Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles:—Major A J Hogg.

Bengal-Nagpur Railway Vol Rifle Corps.—Color-Sergt E McGarry.

MILITARY WORKS SERVICES.

Lieuts G I Osborne, H O H Moore and W E Barron, R. E. Indian Submarine Mining Co. are promoted to Asst Engr 1st grade, supernumerary, late Military Works Dept.

KING LEOPOLD'S AMBITIONS.

THE Brussels correspondent of the "Times" is informed that negotiations are now proceeding between Great Britain and the Congo State authorities on the subject of the Bahr-el-Ghazal, with the object of re-establishing the full rights of the Congo State under the lease of 1894, which were waived by King Leopold in deference to French protest, excepting as to that portion of the Bahr-el-Ghazal known as the Lado enclave. It has always been held by the Congo authorities that this action on their part did not invalidate the lease contracted with Great Britain as between landlord and tenant, while Lord Salisbury has inclined to the opposite view.

It is noteworthy in this connection that Captain Chaltin remains stationed at Kero, while the latest news from Lado says that there are now six times as many Congo troops as there are English at that station.

The "Mouvement Geographique" utters a protest against the Bill brought before the Chamber, proposing the abandonment of the Congo Free State by Belgium. The paper urges that Belgium would thus lose her right of option and control, and the State would pass out of the hands of Belgium to the benefit of France, who has the right of pre-emption.

THE COST OF WAR.

From the day when Achilles fasted three days and nights over the body of Patroclus, slain in the ten years, siege before the stout walls of Troy, have we learned of war's sorrows.

ECHOES OF SCIENCE.

THE pneumatic street clocks of Paris have given satisfaction, and are to be extended to other parts of the city. They are controlled by electricity. According to an article in the "Electrician" the clocks are worked from central stations, each station working those within a radius of two miles. The local clocks are kept going by pulses of compressed air governed by an electro-magnet under the control of a master clock.

Dr. Garel, of Lyons, has drawn a French nail about two inches long from the brochinal tube of a boy of 18 months from Buenos Ayres. The nail had been there for some time, causing the child to cough much. Rontgen rays showed the position of it, and an electro-magnet drew it out. Another successful operation of the same kind has been performed by Dr. Piechand, of Bordeaux, on a child of three years. In this case the trachea was opened to get a projection from the pole of the magnet near the nail. These experiments are well worth the attention of surgeons everywhere.

At a recent meeting of the Academy of Science, St. Louis, United States, Professor Nipher showed the results of experiments illustrating the behaviour of "globe," or ball, lightning. Electric discharges from the secondary circuit of an induction coil with a Wehnlt interruptor were caused to form luminious balls on the surface of a pine board. The balls travelled over the board, charring a furrow in the wood,

Mr. M'Nair, an American, an expert of Michigan Agricultural College, Lansing, has invented a moveable grazing pen for enabling sheep or cattle to graze on alfalfa, or other green crops, which it is desirable not to trample down. It is a bottomless wooden frame with sides and top of wire netting, and it is drawn forward a step at a time so as to bring a fresh part of the crop to the animals.

Particulars of a method of treating grain for smut will be found in the proceedings of the Indiana Academy of Science. The seed grain is steeped in formalin, which is better than hot water for killing the spores of the smut.

Arsenical wall papers are unhealthy, according to Biginelli, because the mould penicillium brevicaule, which thrives on the arsenic in the colouring, develops a poisonous gas, diethyl arsin.

The French Government have taken steps to promote the addition of molasses to fodder for cattle. According to the experiments of Dickson and Malpeaux molasses fatten sheep, pigs, and oxen, increase, the supply of milk from cows, and enhance the value of poor forage.

In a note to the Academie des Sciences, Paris, M. Haller describes three new alkaloids which he has found in tobacco. They are nicoteine (not the well-known nicotine), which has an odour of persil nicoti'line, which has a peppery smell, and nicotinine.

Mr. Marconi has been the guest of Edison, who, we may add, has brought out a new accumulator without lead plates of which good things are expected. The positive "plate" is of powdered copper and the negative of cadmium dust, while the liquid is a 10 per cent. solution of pure caustic soda. The whole is in an air-tight case. Cuprous oxide is formed in charging, and cadmium oxide in discharging. The liquid is contained in sheets of asbestos between the metals.

The Fastnet Rock on the West of Ireland, is to be provided with the wireless telegraph so that Transatlantic vessels may signal as they pass.

The "record" automobile is that made by M. Leon Lefebvre, director of the Societe Bolide. She did the kilometre (two-thirds of a mile) at Dieghem, near Brussels, in 38 1-5 seconds, and 100 kilometres in one hour 20 minutes.

Phonograph records are copied or duplicated for the market (1) by electroplating the "master" phonogram, (2) by dipping the "master" in a solution of gelatine and bichromate of potash, which, when dried and exposed to the light, forms a skin. A coat of shellac hardens the skin, which is backed with wax, and a mould is thus formed, on which a duplicate of celluloid and geletine is moulded.

Cold storage of furs, rugs, &c., in dark, dry rooms is now common in American cities. It is the best way of of keeping furs as it requires no camphor, cedar, tar, &c., to preserve them. In fact it is said to improve their appearance.

The "Chinese Twins", recently exhibited at Vienna are two boys united on the breast, and were born in 1887 at Nanking. The mother was 20 years old and the father 18, at the time, and both were normal. The twins are of ordinary intelligence, and one can sleep while the other wakes, but infection passes from one to the other. Whisky was given to one of them, but it was the other who showed the most signs of drunkenness.

M. Chapot-Prevost, who severed the Brazilian sisters, Maria and Rosalina, has proposed to separate them, and it would be easily done, for the bond is trifling, but the religion of the parents forbids it. The God Khango has joined them, and his will must be respected. The oracle of the God in this case was Messrs. Barnum and Bailey.

The International Association of Academies held its first meetings last month in Paris. It consists of 19 academies, thus far, and is only getting to work. The next general assembly is to be at London in 1904.

The United States "National Geographical Magazine" gives an account of the "Old Yuma Trail," on which about 400 travellers perished of thirst in eight years between Altar and Yuma. Captain Gaillard counted 65 graves in a ride of ever 30 miles.

A French expedition has left Bordeaux to remeasure the are of Peru, formerly done by Bouguer, La Condamme, and Godin in 1736-9. The new measurement will increase the length of the arc from 5 to 6 degrees.

Dr. H. A. Rowland, Professor of Physics in the John Hopkins University, Baltimore, died suddenly on April 16 last. Rowland was one of the ablest American physicists and mathematicians. He was well-known in England, and his untimely death will be regretted by many.

Two corps of solders and engineers making a telegraph line between Dawson City and Fort St. Michael, in Alaska, made a miscalculation in working from opposite ends of the line, and missed each other by 70 miles. A relief expedition was sent to find them. According to a letter from Mr. Willard, Eaton Reindeer Station, December 31 last, published in the "Electrical World," in the middle of winter word came by travellers that Lieutenants Smith and Grimm, in charge of one party, having built 18 miles of line, were in danger of starvation. Their team of mules had gone through the ice of a river, and their only provisions were lost. All hands shovelled away the snow in order to advance, but the mules, with torn hoofs and cut legs, left a track of blood on the snow, and their efforts were useless. On hearing of their plight, Lieutenant Offley, in charge of the other corps, hastened with a dog team, and found them in a frightful state. Their leather shoes were of no use in that country, and their hands, feet, ears, and faces were frozen. They were living on half-rations. The expedition, after great privations, was rescued by a party from the Eaton Station, who set out with 30 reindeer hauling sledges.

Dr. Neuhauss makes a pertinent suggestion in the current issue of the "Photog aphische Rundschau." We do not at present know with certainty whether sun spots are cloud-like outer formations, or whether they are gaps in the photosphere, and it would appear that by means of the stereoscope some light may be thrown on this and other problems of solar physics. Obviously there is not much hope of working from two stations sufficiently separated to give any appreciable stereoscopic effect with tc simultaneous expcsures, but successive exposures may be hoped for which will show stereoscopic effect. The rapid changes of solar spots, and the time which must necessarily elapse between the successive exposures would render success largely dependent on fortunate circumstances. The principle governing the production of the required stereoscopic pair is that involved in Mr. John C. Baker's method of stereoscopic photo-micrography, as described in the first paragraph of Acta for March 22 last; the object being rotated on an axis to the extent of about 5 deg. between the two exposures. We are inclined to think that Dr. Neuhauss must be mistaken in his assumption that a few hours' difference in the time of exposure would produce a hyperstereoscopic effect, as it seems to us that only the orbital motion of the earth would count, and that an interval of about five days would be required to obtain an ordinary stereoscopic effect. Hence it is probable that very many photographs would have to be paired and very carefully examined in the stereoscope before indications of value could be hoped for.

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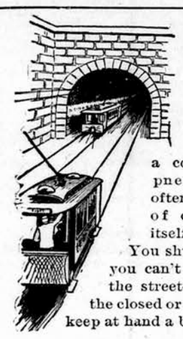

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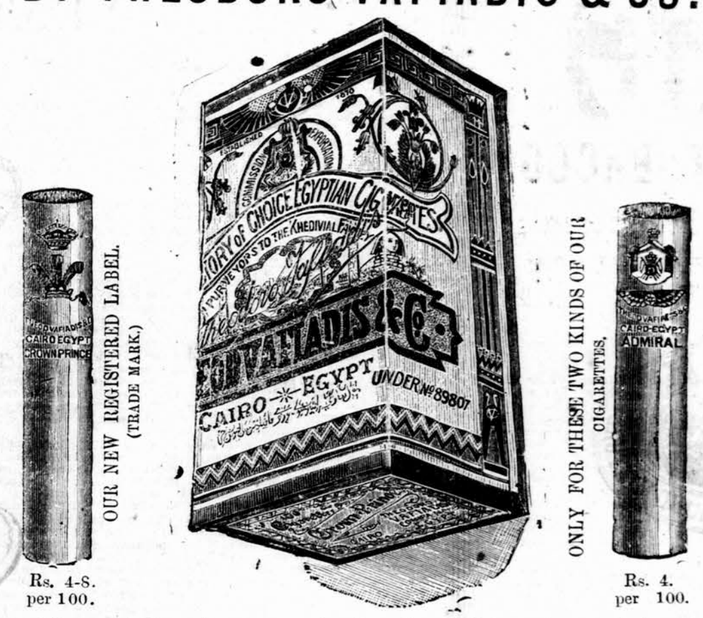

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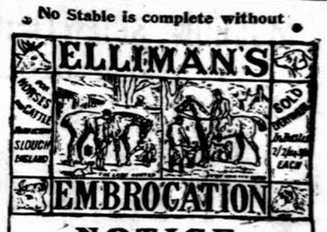

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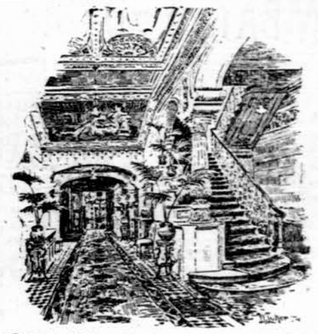

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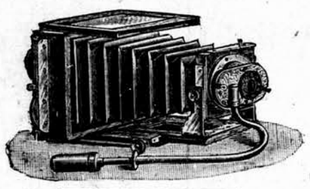

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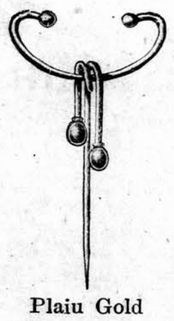
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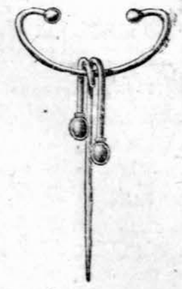
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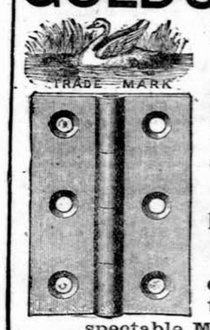

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